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## Scheduled Events

Wednesday, Oct. 13 • 'Sculpt it for the Hungry'  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Russell Union Rotunda



Wednesday, Oct. 13 • Doo-dah  
Step Show  
7 p.m.  
Hanner Fieldhouse

Southern Safari - October 11-16  
GSU vs. Ap. State, Saturday @ 12 noon

# Tuition increase abandoned



Special Photos

Gov. Sonny Perdue (left) and Chancellor Thomas Meredith proposed budget changes to avoid a ten percent midyear tuition increase.

By Dick Pettys  
Associated Press

ATLANTA - The Board of Regents, under pressure from Gov. Sonny Perdue, abandoned a plan Tuesday to impose an unprecedented midyear tuition increase to offset state budget cuts, saying the step would have posed too great a burden for students.

Instead of a 10 percent tuition hike, the board found a way to absorb nearly \$65 million in state-ordered spending cuts by partially raiding the reserves in the health insurance fund for university system employees and by trimming college operating funds.

"We're pushing the envelope here with the kinds of things we're recommending to you, but by doing that

we can avoid the midyear tuition increase," Chancellor Thomas Meredith told the board.

"I don't know of a person on this board that wanted to do that," he said. "We certainly did not want to do that."

Meredith proposed the tuition increase after Perdue told state agencies in August they would have to absorb \$179.3 million in new cuts because he had decided not to employ a one-day payroll shift designed to make the state's budget balance.

The shift, approved by the Legislature and by Perdue late last winter, would have moved the state's final pay day of the year from June 30 to July 1, making it fall into a different budget year.

But Wall Street analysts, who rate the state's bonds and affect the interest it must pay to sell them, considered the shift an accounting gimmick, and Perdue decided to abandon the plan.

Word of the proposed tuition hike brought angry complaints from legislators, especially those facing tough re-election battles in just three weeks.

Perdue also took the board to task over the proposal, his hopes of winning majority control of the Legislature for Republicans resting on the outcome of the Nov. 2 voting.

The governor argued the board could absorb the cuts through tighter spending policies and did not

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## Local libraries receive award

Special to the G-A

A project by local libraries to provide the public with accurate and accessible health information received a major award on Tuesday. The partners of the Coalition of Regional and Academic Libraries (CORAL) were presented with the 2004 Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Award for Libraries. Georgia State Librarian Lamar Veatch made the presentation on behalf of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Systems.

The individual CORAL libraries include Georgia Southern's Henderson Library, the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the Statesboro Regional Library, including its affiliates in Pembroke, Richmond Hill, Claxton, Metter and Swainsboro.

"We are very proud to present this award to the CORAL libraries for the work they are doing to make important health care information available to their communities," said Veatch.

The three CORAL institutions created a Health Education Network (HEN) to expand access to consumer health information. HEN combined public and private funding to expand consumer health collections in both academic and public library collections throughout the service area.

Additionally, CORAL developed a consumer health information web site, <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/corallien/>. The site provides a directory of links to information about consumer health issues.

According to Magnolia Coastlands Director Mary Kate Pung, the network is necessary because while there is an abundance of health information available online, it is not all accurate. "There are all kinds of information, both good and bad," she said. "We want to make sure we can steer good, quality information to people."

The CORAL team has reviewed all the web site links on the HEN to ensure the quality of the information.

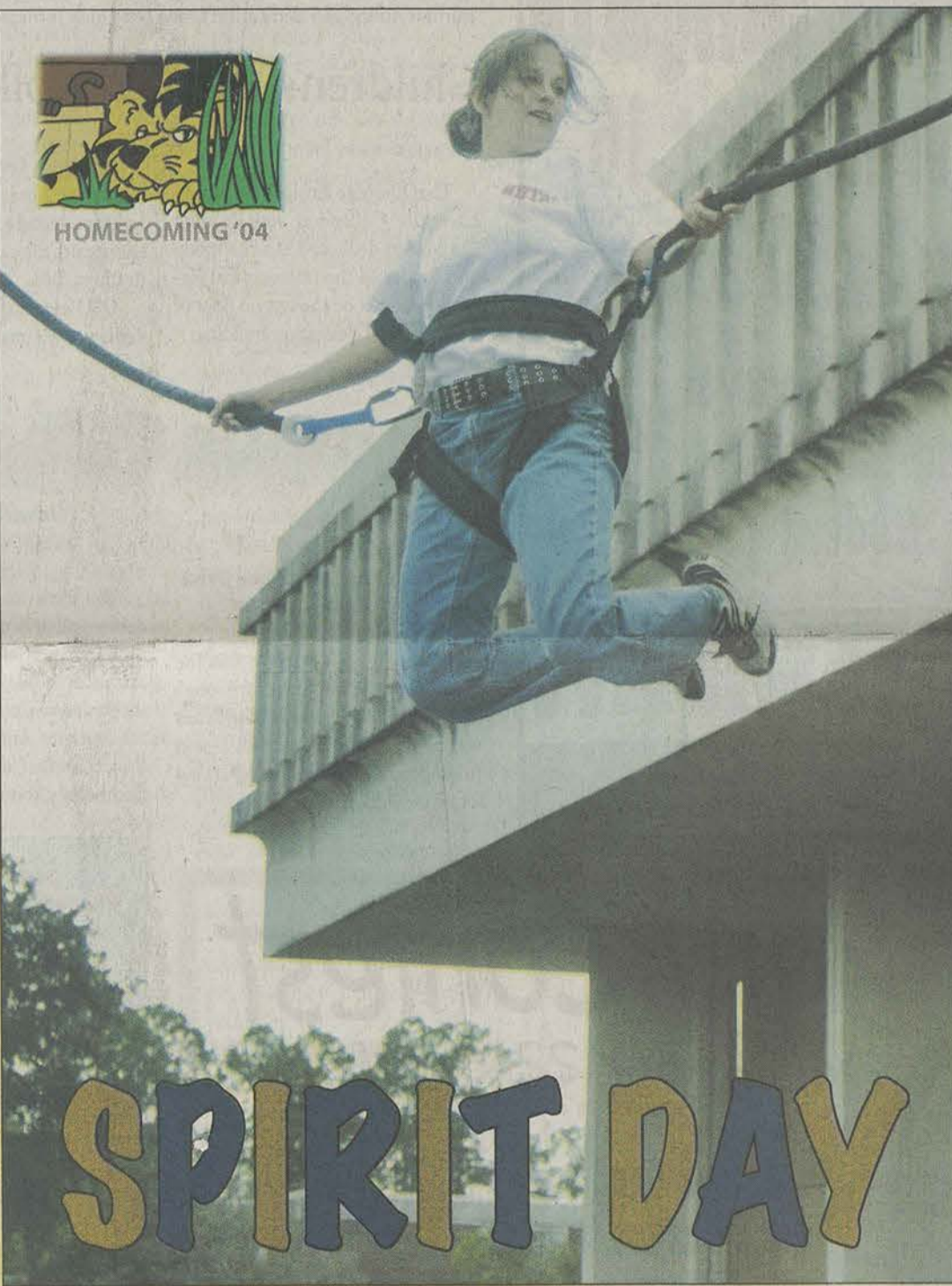
"So many people don't realize that what they find on the web is not necessarily accurate," said Ann Hamilton, associate dean of the Henderson Library. "This is a tremendous service because it is making valuable sources of true health information available to the community."

Statesboro Regional Library Director Lois Roberts credits the project to her predecessor, the late Peter Sullivan, who joined the library in 2000 but who died in January 2004.

"It was Pete's brainchild," Roberts said. "He did a great job bringing it all together."

By using the libraries, the project serves the

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Hillary Jones/STAFF

GSU student Amy Patzer jumps on the bungee trampoline during Spirit Day on Tuesday.

Celebration under the Russell Union Rotunda shows the true "Spirit" of Homecoming

By Krystle Jackson  
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What's more exciting than going to campus?

And no, it is not for that "exciting" three and a half hour biology lab that you just itch to go to every week. How about going for free food, cash prizes, and to play games?

Those on campus Tuesday probably saw, heard, or attended the Spirit Day festivities that took place under the Russell Union Rotunda. This event was a part of GSU's homecoming week festivities.

The event started at 9 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m.

In between was a fun fest filled with loud music, a bungee trampoline, basketball games, jousting, lots of free food and drinks, and chances to win prizes that ranged from furry balls and Koozies to money.

Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) worker Justin Manchester thought the event was encouraging for students.

"I think it will be positive for students to get interactive; to see what GSU is offering them outside of class," said Manchester.

Other visitors thought the event was encouraging for students by creating an environment of diversity. Biology major and sophomore Magaela Luke is an example.

"I think it's a less rigid and structured way of having fun. It's not a cultural bias. It's fun for everyone," said Luke as she giggled at other students as they playfully jumped on top of a bouncing device.

Music Education major and junior Mario Garretts agrees.

Other events that are planned to celebrate GSU's homecoming are the Doo-dah Step Show that begins at 7 p.m. tonight and the Pep Rally, which starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

## Debate Watch

Event to feature third presidential debate, senatorial and congressional debates to come

By Luke Hearn  
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John Kerry and George Bush squared off Monday at GSU. Well, actually they weren't on the GSU campus, but their second debate was re-aired at the Art Building Auditorium Tuesday night as a part of the DebateWatch2004.

DebateWatch—which is nationally sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates and the National Communication Association—is a voter education program sponsored on the GSU campus by the American Democracy Project and the Society of Communication Scholars.

The first DebateWatch, which was held on Sept. 30, was one of 400 that took place across the nation. According to Dr. Patrick Wheaton, one of the organizers of the GSU DebateWatch, GSU had one of the largest gatherings in the nation with 90 participants.

Each debate is followed by discussion led by event organizers. Wheaton stressed that the DebateWatch isn't a partisan event meant to discuss each candidate per se, but it is a time to discuss the issues brought up in the debate.

"The point of the DebateWatch is for students to be able to discuss the issues and how each candidate differs on these issues," he said. "We hope that at the very least this event gets people thinking about who they think should be the next president."

Many students find the DebateWatch events to be very beneficial. "I enjoy watching the debates with others, especially because of the discussion," said senior Lindsey Ferrara.

The next DebateWatch takes place tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the College of IT room 3202, with a live showing of the third and final presidential debate. The debate will be preceded with a briefing and followed with a discussion of the issues. The event is free, and all are encouraged to attend.

Two other Watches are planned: one early next week, and the other in November. On Monday, Oct. 18, the debate between 12th Congressional District candidates Max Burns and John Barrow will be re-aired at 7 p.m. in the Art Building Auditorium. The actual debate takes place on Oct. 17 on Georgia Public Television.

On Monday, Nov. 1, the debate between U.S. Senatorial candidates Denise Majette and Johnny Isakson will be re-aired, also in the Art Building Auditorium at 7 p.m. The debate with these two candidates will originally air live on Oct. 31 on GPTV.

### DebateWatch Schedule

**Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
Presidential Debate  
President Bush vs. Sen. John Kerry  
8:30 p.m.  
IT Building, Rm 3202

**Monday, Oct. 18**  
12th Congressional District Debate  
Max Burns vs. John Barrow  
7 p.m.  
Art Building Auditorium

**Monday, Nov. 1**  
U.S. Senatorial Debate  
Denise Majette vs. John Isakson  
7 p.m.  
Art Building Auditorium

## Weekday Weather

Wednesday



HIGH  
76°

LOW  
60°

Mostly Cloudy

Thursday



HIGH  
74°

LOW  
50°

Scattered  
Showers

## Opinions

• Luke Hearn points out that budget problems will still exist despite the fact that tuition was not raised

• KRT Columnist Silvio Laccetti says candidates should address hidden inflation

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## Sports

• Eagle Volleyball beats Davidson for their 26th consecutive home win

• The George-Anne spotlights football player Tim Gehrsitz

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## Campus News



### Dig Nubia exhibit now at museum

By Emily Haymans  
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Be an archaeologist for a day!  
Dig Nubia is the newest exhibit at the Georgia Southern Museum.

Packed with hands-on activities and interesting information, it's a great way to learn about modern-day Sudan and archaeology. Visitors are equipped with safari-style shirts and sent on a "mission" to help

archaeologists as they study the Nubian culture. The exhibit includes the "ruins" of an ancient chapel, a skeleton that needs to be studied, Nubian pottery, and much more. This event is open to the public and will be held in the museum's rotunda from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ron Bailey, the man responsible for bringing the exhibit to GSU, will be speaking. Even if you can't make the reception, you have until January 2 to experience Dig Nubia.

Felicia Emanuel/STAFF



Special Photo

College of Education's Cindi Chance (l) met with family members (l-r) Chance, Vellette Melton, Smith Banks and Jean Burnett during the dedication of the Ollie Mae Jernigan Children's Literature Collection and Reading Corner.

### Children's literature collection dedicated at GSU

Special to the G-A

The Ollie Mae Jernigan Children's Literature Collection and Reading Corner was dedicated in a ceremony on Monday in the Instructional Resources Center on the second floor of the College of Education Building.

A Georgia Southern graduate and long-time librarian in Statesboro, Jernigan created a \$60,000 endowment to support the collection before her death in 2001.

GSU elementary education students use the material in the collec-

tion during their student-teaching assignments.

"We are deeply indebted to Miss Jernigan for the legacy she has left for the development of future teachers in Georgia," said Cindi Chance, dean of the College of Education.

### Eagle Entertainment Presents...

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Homecoming King and Queen Elections  
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## Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 13

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

Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Homecoming Committee are sponsoring a blood drive today. Blood vans will be parked at the Russell Union Rotunda and the commuter parking lot by the Education Building.

Debate Watch III  
8:30 p.m.

The third and final presidential debate will be broadcast tonight with a pre-debate briefing and post-debate discussions. This event is sponsored by the Society of Communication Scholars and the American Democracy Project. At the College of Information Technology, room 3202.

## Police Beat

10-08-2004

- A bicycle was taken from Paulson Stadium.
- Officers issued one traffic warning, investigated one traffic accident, and assisted six motorists and one injured person.

10-09-2004

- A bicycle was taken from the Southern Pines bike rack.
- A homecoming banner was taken from a tree near Lakeside Café.

10-10-2004

- Joseph Nicholas Vanacore, 19, of 264 Turkey Trail, Sylvania, Ga., was charged with DUI and open-container violation.

### Writers and Photographers Needed:

If you're interested in writing or taking pictures for the best newspaper on campus, contact us at 912-681-5246, or [gnewsed@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gnewsed@georgiasouthern.edu)

## The Ramen Wild Contest

September 22-October 13  
Deadline to enter October 13



Do A Good Deed and  
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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 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 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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This semester's theme:

## INJUSTICE

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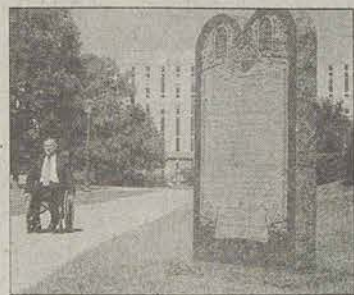
Submission information and applications are available at the Williams Center, room 2009.

Deadline for submissions:  
October 15, 2004 by 2:00 p.m.

For more information, contact:  
[miscmag@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:miscmag@georgiasouthern.edu)  
or 681-0565

## National News Briefs

### Supreme Court to hear commandment case



Associated Press

**Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott** arrives to speak near a granite slab bearing the Ten Commandments on the Capitol grounds on Tuesday in Austin, Texas.

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will consider whether the Ten Commandments may be displayed on government property, ending a 25-year silence on a church-state issue that has prompted bitter legal fights around the country.

Ten Commandments displays are common in town squares and courthouses and on other government-owned land, including the Supreme Court.

A wall carving of Moses holding the tablets is in the courtroom where justices will hear arguments in the case.

### Pro-gay group sues over military policy

WASHINGTON - A Republican homosexual rights group filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking to overturn the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for gays in the military.

The policy, put into place in 1993 during the Clinton administration, allows gays and lesbians to serve so long as they do not disclose their sexual orientation nor engage in homosexual acts.

The Log Cabin Republicans sued in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles asking for an injunction that would prevent the Pentagon from enforcing the policy. The suit names the United States and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld as defendants.

Log Cabin members serving in the military asked the group's leaders over the last four months to take legal action.

They did not come forward because of a specific incident but out of "fear of the military finding out their

sexual orientation if they are gay and lesbian."

The suit says the policy violates a soldier's constitutional right to due process, freedom of speech and equal protection.

### Seniors head to Canada for cheaper drugs

NEW YORK, N.Y. - With a button pinned to her jacket that read "Drug Companies Make Me Sick," Mildred Fruhling, 76, joined a small caravan headed to Canada by train to buy cheaper prescription drugs.

The drugs she and her husband need are available at home in Edison, N.J., at a cost of about \$7,000 a year. In Canada, where she's going with more than 20 other senior citizens, she'll buy a three-month supply for about half the U.S. price.

The caravan, dubbed "The Rx Express," started Monday in Miami and stopped in Manhattan on Tuesday to add passengers. Participants will leave for Toronto Wednesday morning and arrive in the evening.

The foundation wants the U.S. government to cut Medicare costs - and the expenses of patients - by negotiating bulk-purchasing agreements with pharmaceutical companies.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration opposes commercial prescription drug imports, arguing that it cannot vouch for their safety. Individuals, however, can buy as much as three months of medication for personal use with a U.S. prescription.

### Rat parts found in turnip greens

MORROW - Piccadilly Cafeterias, Inc. has recalled a brand of turnip greens sold at some of its 132 restaurants after a customer at a Georgia outlet bit into greens containing rat body parts.

It was determined that the rat parts came into the restaurant frozen with the turnip greens, which were supplied by a vendor, Celestin said.

The chain, which uses turnip greens from several different vendors, has voluntarily recalled turnip greens at its restaurants that were supplied by the vendor in question. Celestin did not know exactly how many restaurants were affected by the recall.

The customer who found the rat body parts in his food, Collis L. War-

ren, said he was halfway through his meal when he discovered what happened. He said he may have inadvertently eaten some of the rat.

"I said to myself, 'That looks like hair or fur,'" Warren recalled.

### Senator fears for staff's safety, closes office



Associated Press

**Sen. Mark Dayton**, D-Minn., says his office in the Russell Senate Office Building across the street from the Capitol will be closed while Congress is in recess through Election Day.

WASHINGTON - A democratic senator said Tuesday he has closed his Washington office because a top-secret intelligence report made him fear for his staff's safety. Federal law enforcement officials insisted there is no new intelligence indicating the Capitol complex is a target.

Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., said his office will be closed while Congress is in recess through Election Day, with his staff working out of his Minnesota office and in Senate space off Capitol Hill.

Dayton said he could not give details of the classified intelligence report, which he said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., presented to senators at a briefing two weeks ago.

"There has been no new information over the last five to six weeks," Frist said, referring to intelligence.

But a congressional official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Frist read a threat assessment aloud to senators at the briefing two weeks ago that has since been updated.

FBI officials said while there still was concern al-Qaida wants to disrupt the upcoming election, there was no new information indicating the Capitol or any other location was a target.

Nonetheless, Dayton said he would advise people from his home state to avoid Capitol Hill until after the Nov. 2 election.

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need a tuition hike.

He met with board members privately at the executive mansion Tuesday just hours ahead of the board's monthly meeting. Meredith was not invited to attend.

The new plan was presented to the public after the board convened, taking even some student leaders by surprise.

"I don't think we woke up thinking this would happen," said Amy Phuong, president of the Georgia Tech Student Government Association.

Adam Sparks, the student body president at the University of Georgia, said, "The fact that we're going to be able to keep that quality of education and give us time to plan on tuition, we're thankful for that today."

Students from 18 public colleges presented more than 20,000 petitions to Perdue's staff last week in protest of the spending cuts.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, a Democrat viewed as a likely Perdue challenger in 2006, gave the students credit for the change of direction.

"I applaud Georgia's students for the activism that led to the more careful consideration of this increase and the impact it would have across our state," he said in a statement.

Perdue spokesman Dan McLagan praised board members for facing up to the hard decisions they had to make.

He added, "Higher education is a top priority for Governor Perdue, and he's going to keep working with them to make our university system the best it can be."

The vote to take the tuition increase off the table appeared to be unanimous, although Martin Nesmith, a member from Claxton and appointee of former Gov. Roy Barnes, warned that spending cuts imposed during the Perdue administration place the quality of the university system at risk.

In all, the board had to find \$64.8 million in savings or cost avoidance to offset the cuts. About one-third of that will come from cuts which will be passed along to state colleges and universities, possibly requiring some

layoffs, Meredith said.

About \$27 million will come from partially raiding reserves in the self-funded health insurance program for university system employees, leaving the fund with a 30-day reserve for unreported claims rather than a 60-day reserve.

The step likely will result in a black mark from auditors and is not sound business practice, Meredith said, but he added it is preferable to any other step.

The board also grabbed \$9.4 million at the University of Georgia which had been set aside for an economic development project that fell through.

Meredith said the steps he proposed for the current budget year are mostly one-time fixes that will still leave the board in the hole when a new budget year begins.

He cautioned that with growth continuing in the system, the board must continue looking at steps such as revising its tuition structure and possibly capping enrollment.

### LIBRARY, FROM PAGE 1

additional purpose of helping bridge the "digital divide," said Pung.

"With this project, we can reach out to those who don't have access to the Internet at home, and we can help those who come into the library for help," Pung said.

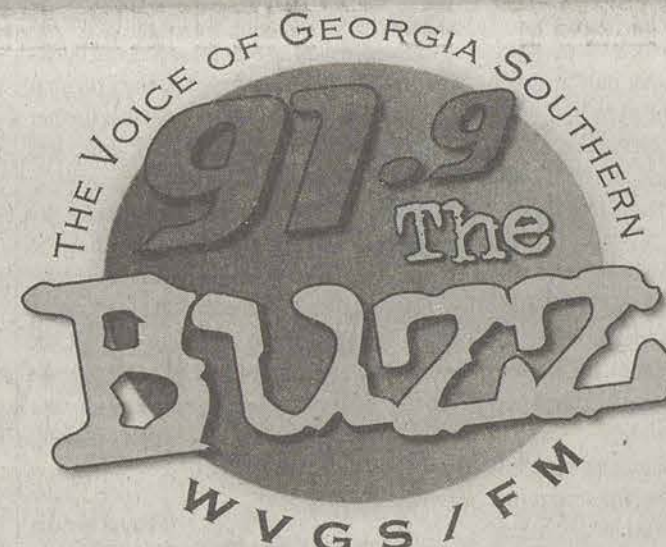
Since the original HEN, the CORAL partners have expanded their offerings to include two additional web sites with information on AIDS (<http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/seagail>) and legal information (<http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/corallaw>).

For additional information, contact Roberts at (912) 764-1329.

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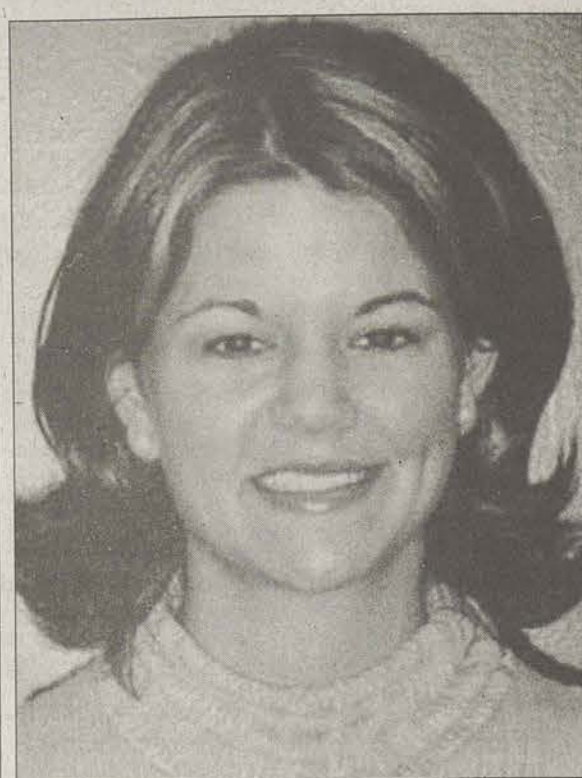
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## KAPPA DELTA SUPPORTS...



**NICOLE  
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VOTE ON  
WINGS**

## letter to the editor

## Our Opinion

## Contribute to Save the Government Fund

OK, if you've gotten this far into the paper, odds are you know there isn't going to be a tuition increase this January. So, what does this mean?

Well first off, our bitching and complaining worked, go us. College students across the state pulled together, convinced some motivated leaders to collect petitions and changed the minds of our government. Now that's the way a Republic works, we speak, they listen.

Second, it means that we don't have to pay more money this coming January, however, next fall is fair game, expect to see it on the table again.

Third, we got it, now we have to do something with it. We told our government we did not want to pay more money to make up for the budget cuts plaguing our education system. Now our government is still in a bind, and it is the responsibility of those who didn't want to pay higher tuition (read, all of us) to do what we can to help make up for that.

So, here's what we propose: Everyone around campus seems to be looking for some sort of public service, be it to bolster a resume, get a few extra credit points in one of your classes or for whatever club or Greek organization you belong to. So, here it is, and I bet you never thought you'd hear this one in this paper.

Let's raise money for the government.

Hold a carwash, a bake sale, a raffle, a keg party, whatever, and send the profit (you know, the part after you buy beer) to the governor's office with a letter attached stating, "This is for the education deficit."

OK, it's a crazy idea. But crazier things have worked in the past, and we have to do something to take responsibility for our actions in canceling the tuition increase. If just one group at each college in Georgia takes this idea and really runs with it, hundreds of thousands of dollars can be raised for this cause.

Want more motivation? Of course you do. How about this? If we raise enough money statewide, perhaps the tuition increase won't be necessary at all.

At the very least, take this idea, send it to all the branches of all of the organizations you belong to all over Georgia and tell them this: We at Georgia Southern take responsibility for our politics. Why don't you?

## letters to the editor

## Isakson best candidate for Senate

In this year's race to fill outgoing Sen. Zell Miller's Senate seat, Johnny Isakson is the best choice for Georgia, particularly in regard to education.

His opponent, Denise Majette, has proposed a National Lottery to fund the remainder of the 'No Child Left Behind' mandate. While this proposal may seem like a good idea, discerning Georgians will quickly realize that the program would only undermine our own HOPE Scholarship and Headstart programs, reducing critical educational opportunities for young and young adult Georgians alike.

Several factors lead to this conclusion. First, studies have shown that only a certain socioeconomic group of the population purchases lottery tickets. This means that adding a new lottery "game" would not draw new purchasers; rather, it would only split revenue amongst existing games.

Make no mistake, Federal lottery games would compete directly with state games, as stated in Rep. Majette's press release: "For the 40 states that already have lotteries... the national lottery would be the equivalent of adding a new game to their lottery repertoire."

Second, since lottery customers would inevitably buy the ticket with the largest prize (the National pot), sales of Georgia lottery tickets would decline, the obvious consequence being

reduced revenues for the HOPE scholarship program. Indeed, a study by Congressional Research Services that found that any revenue raised by a national game "would come at the expense of state games."

This could not come at a worse time when one considers how financially stressed the HOPE program already is due partly to tuition increases at colleges and universities across the state to mitigate budget shortfalls, a result of the free-spending ways of the previous democratic administration. As the University System copes with budget cuts and students are forced to pick up the tab for fees and books that HOPE no longer pays for, any program, no matter how well-intentioned, that further diminishes the viability of HOPE looks less and less appealing.

Future tuition increases, not unlike the mid-year hike recently proposed here at Georgia Southern, should cause everyone concerned with higher education in this state to do the right thing to ensure that HOPE will not be endangered by a Federal program like the proposed National Lottery. A vote for Johnny Isakson for U.S. Senate will help make that possible.

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## Gay marriage debate: Nobody wins

In response to Adam Crisp's October 11 column, "George Bush should thank gay activists," I must wholeheartedly disagree with the premise of Mr. Crisp's argument.

I personally do not think that anyone has benefited from the debate - not me, not Mr. Crisp, not President Bush, not Senator Kerry, not parents, and, most tragically, not America or America's future as a whole.

Calling into question the importance of the traditional nuclear family in America cannot benefit anyone because it calls into question the underpinnings of Western civilization. Obviously, the assault on the family by moral relativists is not new; but now the core of the matter has been reached.

Will redefining marriage be advantageous to the common good of Americans? No. Can America still maintain its status as the shining city on a hill? No. Granted, that light has dimmed to a mere flicker of sorts, but, nevertheless, the flicker can be maintained by holding back the advances of the secularists.

Is passing a constitutional amendment the equivalent of legislating morality? You bet ya. Just as there are laws against stealing, killing,

lying, and adultery, there must be one against the defamation of marriage.

Furthermore, without "Bible thumpers" such as James Madison, who said that we must "sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments," and George Washington, who affirmed that "Religion and morality are indispensable supports [to political prosperity]," America would indeed be just another secular, amoral country as many in Europe are now.

Indeed, this is a broad argument; and the relevant arguments against gay marriage are legion. But one must first understand the full context of why traditional marriage is so important. After all, this is not a debate between liberals and conservatives or Democrats and Republicans, as Mr. Crisp concluded, but it is a battle between traditionalists and secularists, and I fear that the secularists are fighting one of their battle-tested wars of attrition that has led many traditionalists to give up the fight. The tragic conclusion: nobody wins.

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## No tuition hike, budget problems remain

Tuition isn't increasing in January.

Yeah, woo hoo, praise God! Yes, the students who rallied outside the Capitol last Friday sent a message from all of the students in Georgia, letting Gov. Perdue know that his decisions to cut our funds wasn't cool and that we wouldn't stand for a mid-year tuition increase.

But, here's the kicker: Despite how much he pressured Chancellor Meredith and the Board of Regents not to raise tuition, we're still in the hole over \$60 million.

As much as I hated the fact of having a tuition increase, not having one but having all that money cut doesn't put us in any better a position than we were last week.

The fact is that we've had our funds cut drastically. I know it's been all over the news, and it appeared in my column a couple weeks ago, but I want to again call your attention to Perdue's political tactics.

Sonny is a first-term governor, and he wants to be re-elected. That's the goal of all politicians, especially those who can be re-elected. Sonny wants to be governor of Georgia after his current term expires in 2006. Him having a supposedly positive hand in this tuition mess makes him look good. He knows that, and that's why he applied the pressure like he did.

The Associated Press reported early yesterday that the governor met with members of the Board

of Regents "to urge them to reject a proposed 10 percent increase in tuition."

The funny thing is, it's his damn fault. If it weren't for his mismanagement of the state government, the budget shortfall would have never happened, and the raping of the University Systems of Georgia would have never happened.

So what we're looking at is this: over \$60 million in cuts that has to be absorbed by the University System. The only ways we have to fix that is as follows: cut the amount of classes offered each semester, cut programs, cut student services, and cut faculty and staff.

Those are the only options left.

As some have said of the cuts, "we've cut through the skin, we've cut through the muscle, and now we're having to cut the bone."

Don't be fooled: Perdue is not the hero. The heroes are the college administrators across the state who will have to figure out a way to make up for the cuts.

So the next time you're pissed off because a class you wanted wasn't offered, or a program you were involved in was cancelled, or your favorite instructor is let go, don't blame Georgia Southern or the Board of Regents.

Blame the Governor. It's his fault, and he's the one we need to go after in 2006.

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## Presidential candidates must address hidden inflation

By Silvio Laccetti

KRT Campus

I can't afford to live much longer. Not if food prices keep going up the way they have been in the past five to six years. Sure, all our indicators show a cost of living increase of approximately 16 percent since September 1998. But America's food shoppers have seen price increases of 40 percent, 50 percent and more in too many products. Such increases are 250 percent to 300 percent more than the inflation rate!

Yet, this matter of food price increases is almost totally ignored by social commentators and it is rarely alluded to in presidential campaign politics. Voters of both parties feel this choking economic reality because we all have to eat. We ask that the candidates pay attention to this widely felt distress.

Just how bad is the situation? I begin with my own "survey" using saved receipts, which indicate purchase prices for the same brand item. Sizes and weights are the same for every item compared. Prices are regular shelf prices from two New Jersey supermarkets.

From the fall of 1998 - receipts from late September and October - to the week of Sept. 20, 2004, I find the following: At one market, Post Banana Nut cereal up 43 percent to \$4.29; a package of six Kaiser rolls up 116 percent to \$2.79; Progresso soup up 41 percent to \$2.39 a can; a package of house brand spinach up 54 percent to \$2.29. At the other market, Kellogg's Crispix cereal up 39 percent to \$3.89; a can

of house brand sauerkraut up 48 percent to \$0.49; Herbox bouillon packets up 51 percent to \$1.19. Broccoli is up 100 percent to \$1.99 a bunch; Swiss Chard up 39 percent to \$1.29 a pound; a quart of Parmalat milk up 46 percent to \$1.59.

Comparisons from September-October 2000 reveal similar outrageous price inflation. Sliced Italian style Wonder Bread (on sale) is up 51 percent to \$1.50. All brands of bread are up drastically in the past few years. Mini-danish breakfast treats were up 33 percent to \$3.99. Most snacks have followed suit.

After you buy your food, you have to cook it. Gas - cooking and heating - from my utility is up 34 percent since January 2001.

Well, what is the situation in your neighborhood?

Hyperinflation of food prices erodes the quality of life for a great majority of our citizens and belies many myths about living in America. It seems that we are a nation of food shoppers dependent on flyers announcing sales, coupons offering bargains, and "price club cards" which track every item we ever buy with them. Such devices tell us what we can afford to eat in any given week.

Why is this terrible inflationary situation overlooked? In good part, it is because of the way we define a "Market Basket of Good and Services."

Food counts for only 16 percent of the cost of living. Funny things are found in hidden corners of this basket under Miscellaneous

Goods and Services: for example, golf club memberships, chainsaws, DVD players and other now cheap high-tech gizmos. Declines in these costs bring down the overall rate of cost of living increase.

Another reason for overlooked hyperinflation lies in a game of hide-and-seek between chain store food executives and Department of Labor field workers. The government specially trains its inspectors to look for the loaves of store brand bread that are on sale for \$0.99 or less. Trained store personnel make sure they find them. Hence, in the mythical market basket bread has been \$0.99 for years. This game has to end.

Perhaps we can do a few things to improve the situation. One would be to take advantage of the free products of nature. Grasses and leaves can replace green-leafed vegetables. Acorns may be a good source of protein. And bark from trees and woody plants (a super delicacy) might be employed in various gourmet ways. But as the disclaimer states, I wouldn't try this at home.

A Marie Antoinette, noting that the price of lemons has remained unchanged for 6 years, might graciously tell food eaters: "Let them eat lemons."

Well, I don't want lemons. I want a lemon-meringue pie.

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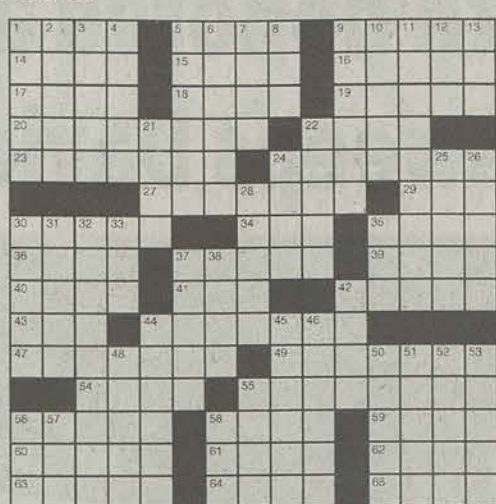
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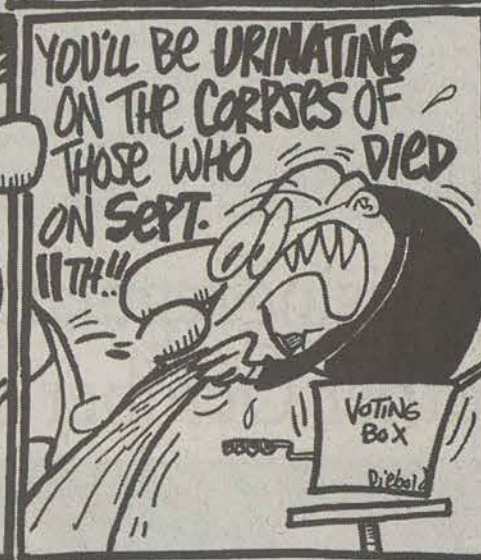
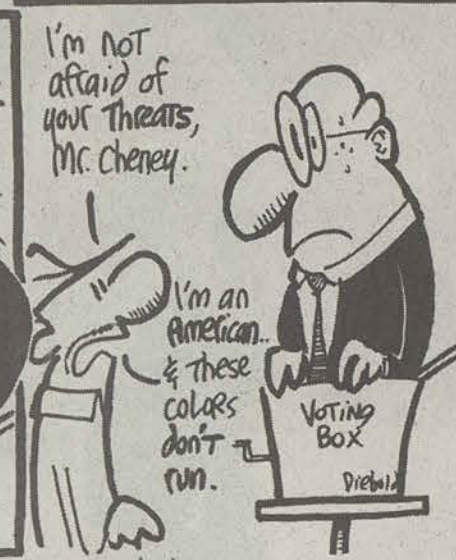
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## SPOTLIGHT ON

Tim Gehrsitz



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Tim Gehrsitz is entering his senior year and his second season at fullback for the Georgia Southern Eagles football program. Gehrsitz transferred to the Georgia Southern in the fall of 2003 from the Air Force Academy where he played two seasons under coach Fisher DeBerry.

Standing at 5'8", weighing 211 pounds, Gehrsitz is a strong physical back who has made quite an impression on the playing field. He benches

presses 315 pounds and squats 525 pounds. Gehrsitz played in seven games for the Air Force Falcons and helped lead them to an 8-5 record in 2002. In 2003, Gehrsitz saw action in nine of the eleven games and made one start for the Georgia Southern Eagles. This year, with minor injuries to fullbacks Brandon Andrews and Jermaine Austin, Gehrsitz has seen increased playing time. Gehrsitz has played in all six games for the Eagles this season and is second on the team in rushing with 256 yards on 49 attempts with five touchdowns.

Gehrsitz resides in Belleview, Florida where he was a four-year letterman at Belleview High School under Coach Brent Hall. He is a Mathematics Education major and a fan of the Chicago Cubs. Quoted from the Georgia Southern Football Media Guide, Gehrsitz believes success is his favorite part of the GSU football tradition.

Come out and watch Tim Gehrsitz and all of our Georgia Southern Eagles as they face the Appalachian State Mountaineers this Saturday at 12 noon.

## Surprising regular season followed by another October disappointment



Chris O'Meara/AP Photo

**Atlanta Braves players**, from left, Dewayne Wise, Wilson Betemit and Travis Smith look dejected in the eighth inning of their 12-3 loss to the Astros in Game 5 of the National League Division Series at Turner Field on Monday.

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

ATLANTA - The regular season was a surprise. The postseason was all too familiar.

Again, the Atlanta Braves watched another team celebrate at Turner Field. Again, they went home without a World Series championship.

"Obviously, we're all disappointed right now," Chipper Jones said. "There's no way of avoiding that. But when we look back on our season, I think most of the guys will be proud of the way they handled themselves."

The Braves were expected to finish no better than third in the NL East, but cruised to their 13th straight division title. It was an admirable performance by a team that had to make do without pitcher Greg Maddux and sluggers Gary Sheffield, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla, all let go after the 2003 season because of budget cuts.

In the best-of-five playoffs, Atlanta was clearly overmatched by the wildcard Houston Astros. A couple of gutty comebacks returned the series to Turner Field for Game 5, but the Astros advanced to the NL championship with a 12-3 rout - matching the worst postseason defeat in Braves history.

Atlanta trailed in every game and had a lead in only four innings. The Astros set an NL division series record for runs and outscored the Braves 36-21.

For the fifth year in a row, Atlanta's season ended with a playoff loss at home. For the third straight year, the end came in Game 5 of the division series.

Now, the Braves face another offseason of potentially painful losses. Among the likely free agents: outfielder J.D. Drew and pitcher Jarret Wright.

Drew, a native Georgian, finally stayed healthy for an entire season and was Atlanta's top hitter (.305, 31 homers, 93 RBIs). Wright, whose career was sidetracked by two shoulder operations, emerged as the team's best starter (15-8, 3.28 ERA) after winning a job in spring training.

Three-fifths of the rotation could be pitching elsewhere next season.

Russ Ortiz (15-9, 4.13) led the team

in innings but threw horribly down the stretch, struggling with his control and giving up far too many homers. Paul Byrd (8-7, 3.94) made a respectable comeback from major elbow surgery and could be willing to return to Atlanta at an affordable price.

If Horacio Ramirez gets healthy during the offseason, the Braves could afford to let a starter or two go. But the 24-year-old left-hander pitched only one inning after May 25 because of a nerve problem in his rotator cuff.

Ramirez kept rehabbing the shoulder in hopes of coming back, but the pain returned each time he went to the mound. The Braves are hoping an offseason of rest will cure the problem by spring training.

John Smoltz had 44 saves and made enough appearances to kick in another year on his contract. He'll make \$12 million in 2005.

The rest of the bullpen was a bit shaky, especially set-up man Chris Reitsma. He set a franchise record with 84 appearances, but had an ERA of 4.07. In Game 5, the Astros blew the game open by scoring four runs off Reitsma in the seventh.

The Braves had plenty of pleasant surprises, as well.

Catcher Johnny Estrada (.314, nine

HRs, 76 RBIs) made the All-Star game in his first year as a starter. Rookie first baseman Adam LaRoche (.278, 13 HRs, 45 RBIs) was impressive in his debut. Another rookie, outfielder Charles Thomas, energized the team with his speed and defense after being called up in late-June.

For Smoltz, the only player with the team for all 13 division titles, this was one of the most satisfying seasons. The Braves lost several key players and kept winning.

"Which leaves a lot of reason for hope, even if the roster gets trimmed down even more or we go more with young players," Smoltz said. "It taught me a lot. This team has surpassed anything I thought was possible. I didn't think there was any way we could fight for a division title."

Much of the credit goes to manager Bobby Cox, who did a masterful job of juggling the roster and kept the team together when it was struggling in the first half. He surpassed 2,000 wins in his career and gave no indication that he's ready to walk away.

"It's a tribute to Bobby and the coaching staff," Smoltz said. "You can use a lot of different ways to motivate guys, but he's the master."

It wasn't enough in the playoffs.

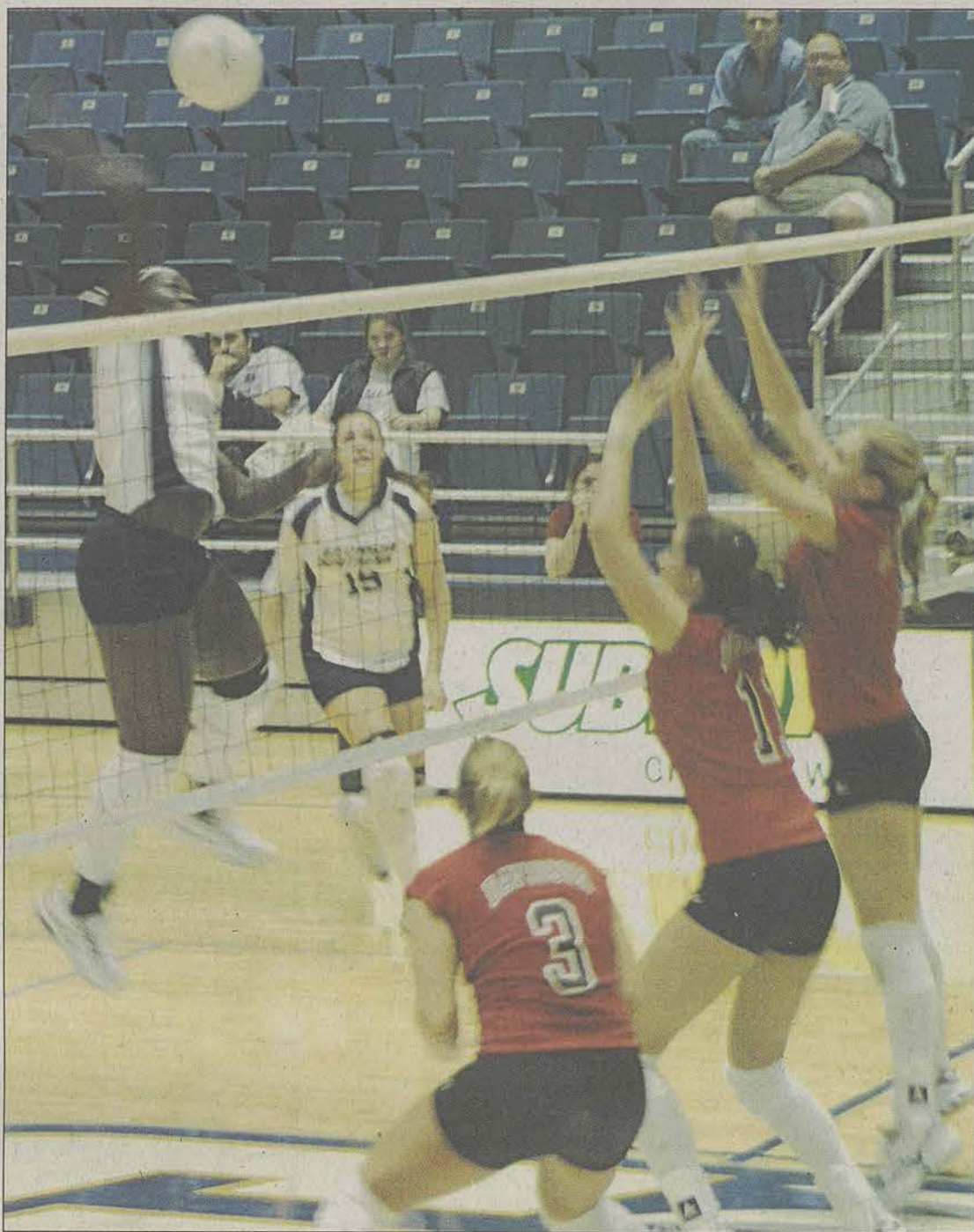


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**Atlanta first baseman Adam LaRoche** waits during a pitching change after the Astros' Jeff Bagwell hit a homerun Monday night putting the game out of reach for the Braves.

# SPORTS

## Messersmith honored as Volleyball sweeps Davidson



Felicia Emanuel/STAFF

**GSU sophomore Jennifer Charles** spikes the ball against Davidson Tuesday night.

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The Georgia Southern Eagle Volleyball team took on Southern Conference foe Davidson (8-14, 5-2 SoCon) Tuesday night at Hanner and notched their 26<sup>th</sup> straight home victory.

The Eagles (10-5, 6-1 SoCon) trailed early in game one but stormed back led by junior outside hitter Iulia Prombescu to a 30 to 25 victory.

The team was impressive in game two putting up a high .278 attack percentage cruising to a 30 to 22 victory. They did not let up in game three with a solid 30 to 26 victory.

Davidson kept it close most of the match, but it was never enough to put a real scare into the Eagles.

Senior middle blocker Janice Pressley clearly gave the team a lift in game two when she finished with nine kills and a .375 attack percentage.

Junior outside hitter Iulia Prombescu put up yet another double, double with 15 kills and 20 digs.

Junior setter Susan Winkleman had 25 assists to lead the team.

The win extended the Eagles Southern Conference record home winning streak to 26 matches. The win also moved the Eagles into second

place in the Southern Conference.

This weekend's win at Wofford was a shot for Coach Kerry Messersmith; it moved her past J.B. Claiborne to be the all time winningest coach in Georgia Southern history.

Before the match Coach Messersmith was presented with a commemorative volleyball by Athletics Director Sam Baker to honor her achievement.

The Eagles hit the road this weekend to take on UNC Greensboro and Elon on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17, respectively, with both matches commencing at 2 p.m.

## Patrick Osterman takes office as GSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

GSU Athletics Media Relations

STATESBORO - Patrick Osterman has been named Assistant AD/Media Relations at Georgia Southern University according to an announcement from Athletics Director Sam Baker on Monday.

He replaces Tom McClellan, who accepted the Media Relations Director position at East Carolina University in August. Osterman will serve as the primary publicist for the GSU football and baseball programs while overseeing all the day-to-day facets of the Eagles' media relations operation.

"We were very fortunate to be able to attract a candidate with Pat's credentials at this point in the academic year," said Baker. "He brings a great deal of experience to the position. I look forward to working with him and having him join our administrative team."

Osterman, 32, has served as Assistant Sports Information Director at Eastern Illinois University since 1997.

While at Eastern Illinois, Osterman was the primary contact for baseball, women's basketball and volleyball in addition to assisting the other 19 varsity sports. Osterman also handled all game-day responsibilities in the EIU football press box.

In the fall of 1998 Osterman served as the Ohio Valley Conference volleyball tournament media coordinator and as the 1999 and 2000 OVC women's soccer tournament media coordinator. For two years he worked with USA Today Online covering Ohio Valley Conference basketball.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Osterman received his bachelor's degree in Public Relations and worked as a student assistant in the UNI Sports Information department. While at Northern Iowa, Osterman covered the 1995 Panther football team for USA Today. He earned his master's degree in Athletic Administration from Gonzaga University in 1998. While in Spokane, he was responsible for publicizing volleyball, women's



File Photo

**Patrick Osterman**

basketball, men's and women's crew while assisting in baseball.

Osterman is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He is married to the former Susan Schmitz. They have two sons, Andrew (two) and Ryan (seven months).

## Cross Country finishes 15th at Furman Invitational

GSU Athletics Media Relations

GREENVILLE, SC - The Georgia Southern Cross Country team finished 15th of 27 collegiate women's teams at the Furman Invitational Saturday morning in Greenville, SC.

Junior Brittney Swick completed the race as the Eagles' top individual runner, as she clocked a time of 19:13.68, good enough to finish 20th out of a field of 233 competitors. Sophomore Jessica Kerzie was the

Eagles' only other runner to finish in the top 100, as her time of 20:51.55 placed her 92nd.

Sophomore Katie Wilson finished with a time of 21:18.02, while freshmen Sara Johnson and Ana Hendrix finished with times of 22:38.98 and 23:39.14, respectively. The times were personal-bests for both Johnson and Hendrix.

Clayton State runner Allison Kreutzer tallied the top individual

time of 18:01.99, while the team championship went to Appalachian State.

Georgia Southern will rest for three weeks, awaiting the Southern Conference Championships on Oct. 30, again on the campus of Furman. Saturday's invitational served as a preview of sorts for the SoCon meet, as all of the league's teams, except East Tennessee State, competed in the meet.