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Campus Security Report released

Report shows slight increase in campus arrests

By Rachel Weeks

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How safe are students on the Georgia Southern campus?

Under the Clery Act (Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990), universities are required to inform students and parents about policy, procedure, guidelines and criminal statistics.

Recently, the Division of Public Safety at GSU released the annual Campus Security Report detailing each reported offense and arrest over the past three years.

The largest number of crimes reported to local and campus police were burglaries.

Captain Buddy Peaster of the GSU Division of Public Safety urges students on and off campus to take preventative measures to avoid losing personal belongings.

"First of all, use common sense. The number one thing to remember is to lock doors. Lock residence hall doors, apartment doors, car doors, bikes and keep valuables secure."

He commented that not all valuables are expensive, and told about a student whose book bag, containing a

35-page paper, was stolen at the library. He had left it unattended, and he had no back-up disk or extra copy.

The Clery Act does not require that DUIs be reported. However, the largest number of arrests are liquor law-related, such as underage drinking, possession, public drunk, or contributing to minors. Peaster advises students to stay safe and avoid driving under the influence.

"When talking about going out at night, plan a way to get home. If you drink, we really urge people not to drive. If walking home, plan ahead who to walk with.

Take money because Statesboro has cab services," he said, "There is just no excuse. You've got choices, ride with a designated driver, walk home, or call a cab."

A statistic not listed in the crime report is the number of times officers assist students, faculty and visitors. Officers provide public services such as unlocking cars for owners who have locked themselves out and providing jump-starts for disabled vehicles. Students can obtain a police escort at any time from building to building or to residence halls and on campus

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Gay marriage ban before Supreme Court



Dale Omori/The Plain Dealer, AP Photo

Sue Doerfer, left, and partner Brynna Fish, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, listen during a gathering of area clergy Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, in front of the First United Methodist Church in downtown Cleveland, protesting an issue which would ban gay marriage and limit the rights of couples who are not legally married.

By Dick Pettys

Associated Press

ATLANTA - The battle over a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage went before the Georgia Supreme Court Tuesday, two weeks ahead of an election in which polls suggest it will easily pass.

Opponents, hoping to prevent the votes from being counted, again argued the amendment is flawed because it contains more than one subject and because the ballot language fails to convey that information to voters.

State attorneys argued that the topics covered by the amendment are related and do not violate the rule which stipulates that constitutional amendments may apply only to one topic.

After hearing arguments for 40 minutes, the court took the case under consideration without indicating when it would rule.

Georgia is one of 11 states with gay marriage bans on the Nov. 2 ballot. The amendment is being challenged by the ACLU and Lambda Legal. An assortment of law school professors filed a brief supporting the challenge.

Last month, a superior court judge in Atlanta held that she had no power to block the vote count because of an 84-year-old state Supreme Court ruling.

In that case, the court held that judges cannot intervene in contests over legislation or constitutional amendments until the legislation has been passed or the amendment approved by the voters.

Johnny Stephenson, an attorney for the plaintiffs, told the appeals court the trial judge erred in her ruling.

The 1920 ruling she cited doesn't apply to the gay marriage ban, he argued, because the constitutional rights of voters will be injured at the ballot box, rather than by whether the amendment passes or fails.

Voters, he said, have "a constitutional right not to be presented with a Hobson's choice in the ballot box."

He argued that some voters may wish to define marriage as the union of a man and woman, as the first part of the amendment specifies, but may not wish to deny same-sex partners access to the courts in legal cases such as property settlements.

They are improperly denied that right by the ballot, he said.

He said that's an illegal combination of two different subject matters and it isn't explained to the voters on the ballot. The ballot language "only mentions the first and most politically popular of the propositions," he argued.

Steffan Ritter, the state's attorney, argued that the two sections of the amendment were part of a unified whole and therefore constituted a single subject.

He argued that the trial judge was correct in ruling the 1920 decision controls the case. Opponents are free to challenge the amendment on constitutional grounds after the vote has been tallied, he said.

A recent poll by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and WSB-TV showed more than 60 percent of voters express support for the amendment.

DINOSAURS

World-famous paleontologists lectures on the 'family values' of dinosaurs

Part I in a two part series

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World-renowned paleontologist Jack Horner gave a lecture yesterday on the behavioral habits of dinosaurs, Maiasaurs in particular.

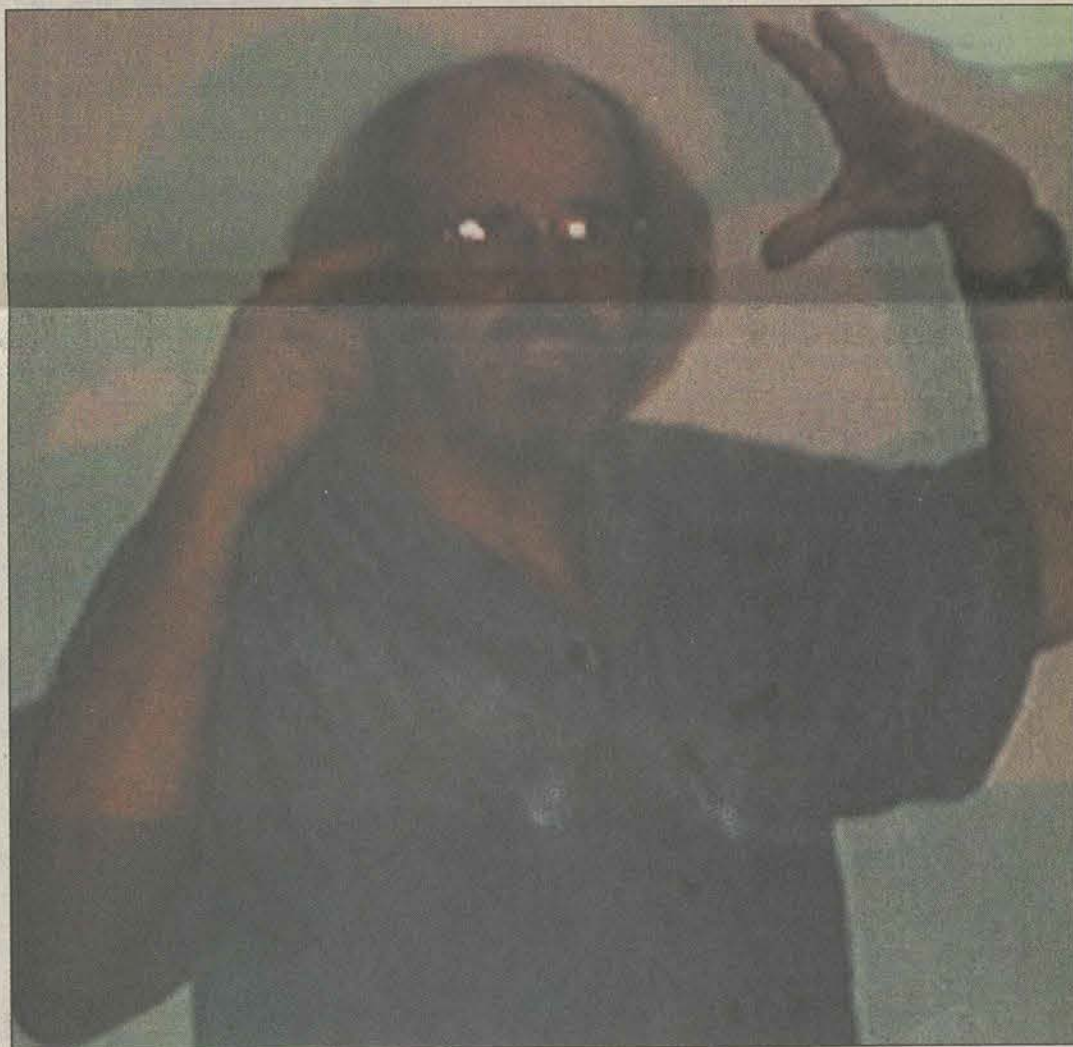
You may recognize his name from the movie series *Jurassic Park*, where he served as the paleontology consultant. Or, if you've ever watched a dinosaur special on the Discovery Channel, you've undoubtedly seen his bearded face, as he is often giving his latest hypotheses for any number of television shows. Maybe you are just familiar with the man's work, as he has been one of the leaders in changing the way we look at dinosaurs, due to his findings on the nurturing patterns of the Maiasaur.

In any case, he is one of the most widely recognized faces in paleontology, and Georgia Southern was privileged to have him come speak Tuesday night.

After a very brief introduction by GSU's own Dr. Jonathan Geisler, Horner started out the night referencing his work on *Jurassic Park*. About the possibility of actually cloning dinosaurs, he says "the problem is the birthing chambers. There's no way of telling which dinosaur was bitten by the mosquito, so which egg to use would be the problem."

There were some good facts in the movies; however, one 'Easter egg' he revealed to the crowd was that in *Jurassic Park 3*, the air chamber that Dr. Grant uses to communicate with the Velociraptors is real, though it is the chamber of a *Hypacrosaurus*, a *Hadrosaur*.

He continued the lecture by outlining the history of dinosaur egg discoveries. The first major discovery occurred in France in the mid 1800s. The hard-shelled eggs were then thought to be large bird eggs, as dinosaurs were thought to be nothing



Chuck Thomas/STAFF

but reptiles, which characteristically lay soft-shelled eggs.

The next big discovery was in 1922. A team scouring the Gobi Desert found a clutch of eggs that were interspersed with *Protoceratops* bones. This was the first time that the eggs were directly related to dinosaurs, and the theories surrounding it had begun.

Horner directly relates to the story circa 1978. The Willow Creek Anticline in Teton County, Montana, was the subject for a major find. Dr. Horner found a "bowl shape" clutch of eggs and gathering of tiny juvenile dinosaurs, later named *Maiasaurs* (or "good mother lizard"). Some of the juveniles were noticeably larger than the others, indicating they had stayed in the nest for some time, possibly up to four weeks. In a nutshell, for this

to happen, the little ones were being fed by their parents to survive, thus shattering the stigma that dinosaurs were unfeeling lizards that abandoned their young.

Many other sites very similar to the Montana find have been discovered, and Horner went through quite a few of them. None were as monumental as the 1970s find, but all were helpful in furthering the advancement of the hypothesis that dinosaurs were, in fact, very caring of their young. The hypothesis isn't set in stone, as Horner reiterated throughout the speech: "Science is not about discovering truths, it's about forming hypotheses. It is trying to prove that you are wrong, not right."

The *George-Anne* was able to talk

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Jack Horner (above), world-famous paleontologist, spoke at GSU on Tuesday. (Below) Part of the 'Hatching the Past' exhibit shown at the Nes-smith-Lane Continuing Education Building which features some of Horner's discoveries.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Weekday Weather

Wednesday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
86°

LOW
64°

Thursday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
81°

LOW
58°

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Sports

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Campus News

GSU Planetarium hosts lunar eclipse viewing

Special to the G-A

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will present a special program to help amateur sky-gazers prepare for the next lunar eclipse.

The program will be held on Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. The lunar eclipse itself will occur on Wednesday, Oct. 27. The program will be presented in the planetarium, which is located in the Math/Physics Building on the GSU campus.

The program will explain when and where to see the next lunar eclipse and why they occur. It will include a live planetarium star show of the current night sky and, weather permitting, outdoor telescope viewing.

The planetarium will follow-up with a live viewing of the actual eclipse at 9 p.m. on Oct. 27, if the skies are clear.

"Looking Up: How and Why We Use Telescopes to Study the Cosmos" will be the subject of the planetarium's next program on Friday,

Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Astronomer Sean O'Brien will discuss the basics of telescopes, how to shop for a new telescope and how to use the one you already have. The program will include a live planetarium star show of the current night sky and outdoor telescope viewing if the weather is clear.

The planetarium will present "Holiday Shows" with live music and holiday lights on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. This program will focus on the celestial wonders in the December sky. As with previous programs, a live planetarium star show and outdoor telescope viewing will also be included.

These planetarium programs are appropriate for all ages, and admission is free.

For additional information, call the GSU physics department at (912) 681-5292 or visit the planetarium website at <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/physics/planetarium-page1.html>.

Focus on Majors

By Rachel R. Dobson
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Some think that an interior designer is just a decorator.

In all actuality, an interior designer does a lot of work in non-load bearing construction.

They basically form the look of the inside of buildings and coordinate efforts for plumbers, electricians, interior walls and support.

Josh Poole, president of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) GSU chapter explained that interior decorators do a lot to facilitate the construction of a structure.

"We can take a house, with the help of a contractor, from a blueprint to a livable home," he said.

A group of students at different studio levels talked at length in the small quarters of the INDS computer lab. Christina Foust, vice president of ASID GSU chapter, talked about how doing her internship this summer was rewarding to her.

"When you realize how you can improve people's lives by improving their surroundings... well it gives you inner satisfaction," she said.

Brandis Jennings recounted times when her roommates asked her why she didn't mind having very little free time.

"You know I am really proud of the time I put in, it gives me a sense of accomplishment," she said.

Many students in this program consider interior design a life. In the words of Kelli Jones, "The major has consumed me."

Groups of interior design students get to take trips to places like New York City, Savannah, Atlanta, and Charleston to study aspect of interior design, and how geography influences taste and mode of design.

This major takes time and effort, but none of the students seem to mind, and the sense of camaraderie makes the most difficult of times manageable.

Editor's Note: 'Focus on Majors' is a new feature to The George-Anne. With registration starting later next week, we feel it is important for students—especially those who haven't declared a major—to learn as much as they can about the majors available at GSU.

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Police Beat

10-15-2004

- Obscene words were written on a vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.
- Two cases of transaction card fraud were reported at the Russell Union.
- Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted seven motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

10-16-2004

- Joseph W. Wilbanks IV, 19, of Hawthorne Courtyard, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, public drunk, obstruction of an officer, disorderly conduct and possession of a false I.D.

- Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

10-17-2004

- James David Brewer, 19, of Kennedy Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Douglas P. Christie, 20, of Watson Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- Luis A. Prietohernandez, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.
- A blanket was taken from a dryer in the laundry room at Olliff Hall.

- A CD player was taken from the Winburn Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning, assisted two motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

10-18-2004

- A bicycle was taken from the Johnson Hall bike rack.
- A vehicle was scratched in the Veazey Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued two traffic citations, investigated two traffic accidents and assisted six motorists.

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

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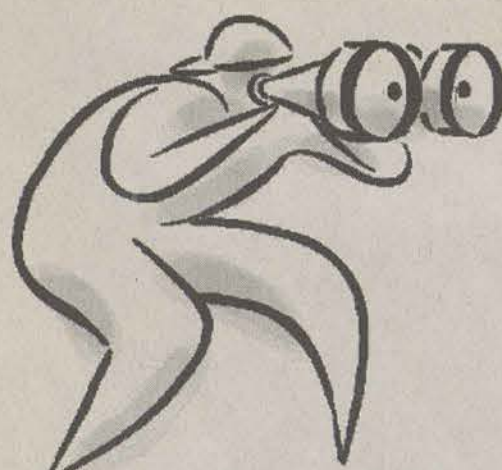
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Campus Calendar

Today, Oct. 20

Credit Report Workshop 2 p.m.

A workshop on credit reports will be presented by Brad Sheffield, lead operations specialists with Sea Island Bank. Topics covered will include credit scores and what they mean; the information that is included in a personal credit report; factors that affect a credit score; how to improve your score; what to do if there are errors on your report; and identity theft and how it can affect your credit rating. This workshop is sponsored by the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Professional Development Council. For more information contact Wallace Brown in Career Services at 912-681-5197. At the Russell Union, room 2041.

Prison and Jail Project Speaker 5 p.m.

John Cole Vodka, founder of the Prison and Jail Project in Americus, GA, will speak today to the pre-law organization. Vodka works for justice among the underrepresented of South-west Georgia by visiting and advocating for convicts, criminal defendants, and their families; by monitoring prison and jail conditions; by being a watchdog in the courtroom. At the Russell Union, room 2042.

'Love Your Body' Day 7 p.m.

Wear your pajamas and come out and join others who love their bodies. This event is sponsored by The National Organization for Women. Snacks will be provided. At the Russell Union, room 2042.

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Mouth-to-snout saves dog

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA. - Marshall, a Labrador retriever, is none the worse for wear after surviving a house fire - with the help of two firefighters who performed CPR.

The dog stopped breathing Friday afternoon when a kitchen fire broke out at the home of his owners.

Two firefighters who were going through the home looking for possible victims stumbled on the dog's limp body and carried him outside.

Firefighter Jason Pooler gave Marshall mouth-to-snout resuscitation while firefighter Kenneth Mose pushed on the dog's chest to pump the heart. Together, they revived the pooch.

Kitty litter box causes house fire

PORT ANGELES, WA. - Fire is no solution to a dirty kitty litter box.

Marie Adeline Calkins is charged with arson, after authorities say she set fire to her apartment in Port Angeles, Washington.

Prosecutors say she was upset about her smelly kitty litter box.

According to court papers, Calkins told officers the foul smelling box was depressing her, so she tried burning the kitty litter with newspapers. A judge set her bail at \$50,000 and ordered a mental exam.

News Briefs

Sausage maker faces death penalty



Associated Press

Stuart Alexander, 43, the self-proclaimed 'sausage king,' was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder Tuesday for shooting three meat inspectors to death.

OAKLAND, CA. - A sausage maker who fatally shot three meat inspectors at his factory was convicted Tuesday of three counts of first-degree murder.

Stuart Alexander, 43, was charged in the June 2000 deaths of the government inspectors at his Santos Linguisa Factory in San Leandro.

A fourth inspector escaped unharmed and testified against Alexander.

Alexander also was found guilty of one count of attempted murder. He is eligible for the death penalty.

Jurors on Monday will begin hearing testimony to decide his sentence.

The shootings were recorded by a surveillance camera that he turned on shortly after their arrival, and the case focused on whether his actions were deliberate or the result of a momentarily lapse.

In the video, shown during trial, Alexander loads three semiautomatic handguns, then shoots federal

Agriculture Department inspectors Thomas Quadros and Jean Hillery and state inspector Bill Shaline in his retail shop.

After their bodies fall to the ground, Alexander goes into his office to reload and returns to fire shots to each of their heads. Prosecutors called it "mass murder by ambush."

"At least the jury saw it as we did," prosecutor Jack Laettner said.

Defense lawyers argued Alexander killed the inspectors after months of harassment.

Alexander had been cited repeatedly for problems at his factory, which he took over after his father's 1993 death.

From January to June 2000, Alexander had frequent encounters with inspectors who ordered him to raise the cooking temperature of his meat.

The factory owner refused because he thought the change would ruin his sausages, and he continued selling them even after he was ordered to stop.

Ex-detainees return to terror

WASHINGTON - Despite gaining their freedom by signing pledges to renounce violence, at least seven former prisoners of the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have returned to terrorism, at times with deadly consequences.

At least two are believed to have died in fighting in Afghanistan, and a third was recaptured during a raid of a suspected training camp in Afghanistan, Lt. Cmdr. Flex Plexico, a Pentagon spokesman, said last week.

Others are at large.

- All News Briefs compiled by Morgan Marsh.

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to Dr. Horner shortly after his speech.

GA - Why do you think it's important for us to learn about the past?

JH - I think it's really important that we know as much as we can about the history of the planet. The more we know about the history of the planet, the more we might be able to be able to HAVE a long history of our planet.

GA - What do you think dinosaurs can tell us about ourselves?

JH - I don't know if they can tell us anything about ourselves. I find it interesting that we as human beings are always more interested in why they went extinct more than how they lived, or how they were so successful. It's because we seem to be caught up in the notion that something happened to them that they couldn't control, and could something happen to us that we can't control? Personally, dinosaurs and their success should be a better story for us; they didn't mess with their environment.

GA - What do you think of the whole stigma about dinosaurs only being for kids?

JH - I think Jurassic Park proved that that's not true. That movie made billions of dollars, and it wasn't just for kids. So, I think the movie helped prove that dinosaurs aren't just for kids.

GA - Any advice for up-and-coming paleontologists?

JH - I think, if there's something you want to do, pursue it. If you like your job, and enjoy what you do, then you're fine. Just go out and do it.

CRIME, FROM PAGE 1

According to University Police statistics, over the past three years 8,572 people have benefited from police escorts and officers have assisted 4,466 motorists. Peaster encourages students to call for help when it's needed.

"If you even think you might need our assistance or services, please call. That's why we're here," he said.

The 2004 report can be accessed online or picked up at the University Police department.

The GSU Division of Public Safety is open 365 days a year and 24 hours a day. The department employs 29 certified law enforcement officers who enforce all Georgia laws, including traffic laws.

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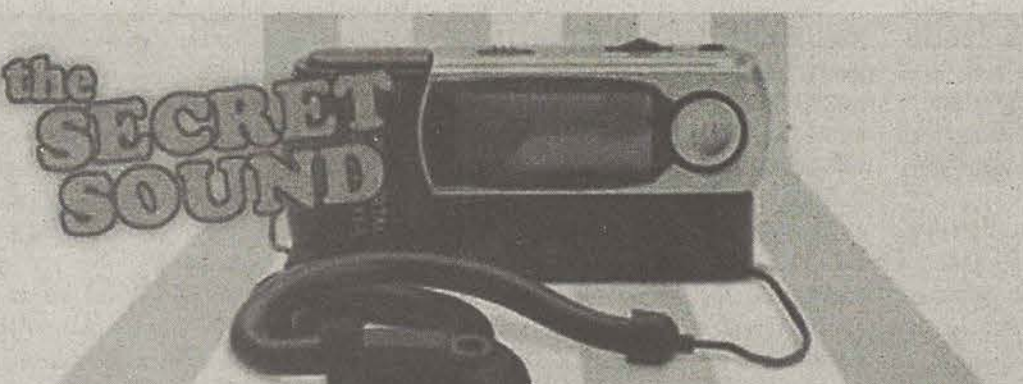
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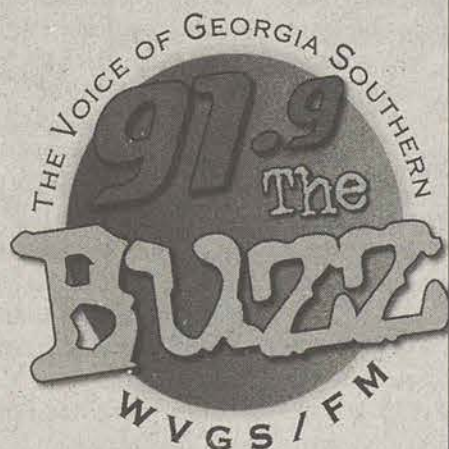
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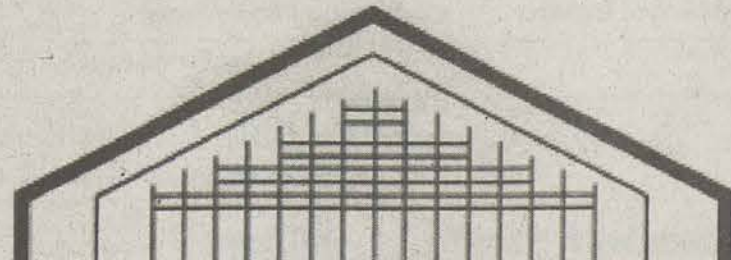
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our opinion

Where have all the flags gone?

All right, we can accept beanie babies, the bowl haircut, retro anything, low riders, and even reality TV. However, when the American flag becomes a fad, someone should take note.... NOTE.

After September 11, people stood in line to buy American flags. You couldn't spit for weeks for fear that one of our flags would wave between your face and the ground, but now they're almost all gone. And we want to know why.

Why have we let this "trend" go? We are the same population who watches MTV, for crying out loud. It's not like it takes any effort at all to let a flag wave in the wind or attach a magnet or sticker. Sure, we don't all agree with what our government does, or how things are run, but the flag isn't about that. It is a physical representation of the *people* of this country; when you look at the flag you should see a little of yourself in it.

Proud was the day when the blood red and pure white stripes blurred with the deep blue holding those fifty hard-earned stars, and we all pulled together as brothers and sisters to defend our nation. For a whole year it seemed as though everyone was so proud to be a citizen of this nation, that to speak badly of the U.S. was worse than insulting one's mother.

And we bought flags. But looking around the town this weekend and thinking back over the past couple of months, it's like they all just evaporated as of a veteran's dream.

It's got a lot to do with the political debates that have split so many of us into opposing forces, supporting this candidate, opposing this issue. It's all resulting in our division. Our nation's flag is the symbol of us all. We should hold it high and do it honor, not let it fall to the same level as bellbottom jeans.

Don't let things go back to the way they were. We're all still brothers and sisters of the USA. Be proud of that. We put it forth like this: Forget the Bush stickers, forget the Kerry stickers, forget the other junk we all display for a few weeks then forget, and raise a flag.

letters to the editor

Sewak thanks fans and GSU community

I want to take the time to thank the students and faculty that cheered us on to victory Saturday against Appalachian State. Keeping a team focused and motivated is one of the hardest things to do as a coach.

Our players are not unlike every student on this campus in that they have so many things going on in their university life on a day-to-day basis that it is sometimes a challenge to keep them focused. During the season, each game day brings new challenges that make it easier or harder to motivate our team. I know our team came to "Our House" ready to play a good team and fight for a Homecoming victory!

As we arrived at the stadium and our fans greeted us as we got off the buses, our adrenaline started pumping and when we got onto the field the roar of the fans pushed us over the top!

Our fans are AWESOME and definitely

Gay Marriage Forum a disappointment

On Monday evening at 7 p.m., I was taking a break from studying (and catching a breath from the suffocating 80-degree heat of the fourth floor reading room of the library) by getting some Chic-fil-A when I noticed a discussion on gay marriage beginning in the Russell Union commons area. As a supporter of gay marriage, I joined the crowd to listen to the open-mic opinions. My first sign of things going sour occurred to me as the crowd grew larger and I began to hear murmurs of "This is garbage" from members of the opposition. I joined the line of students forming to say their piece as the crowd increased in number, hoping for some intelligent opposition opinions to be presented. This letter is not about my support for gay marriage, but a complaint about the events that followed at this forum.

I was very disappointed in the (self-appointed?) leaders of this discussion as I watched people cut in line for the next hour to get to the mic. These people ignored sporadic objections from those of us patiently waiting in line as if they did not hear us. Although the leaders recognized this problem, they did absolutely nothing to curtail the disrespectful people as they ignored all courtesy.

At one point, the student behind me asked, "Who's next in line?" to which I loudly replied, "Are you asking who's next in line, or who's supposed to be next in line? Because those are two different questions with two different answers." Probably four out of every five people who cut

make "OUR HOUSE" the greatest home field advantage in college football!

When almost half of our 22,000 + fans are made up of our student body and their professors, I can't begin to explain the incredible feeling that consumes us as a team! We want to fight harder and give an extra push when the stands roar to life with friends, families and teachers. As the Head Football Coach, I want to thank all of our professors and students who participated in Homecoming 2004! Your support was definitely a huge part of our success on Saturday and it made the whole weekend a total TEAM VICTORY! And please always remember, it is GREAT to be an EAGLE on Saturday night after a win!

Thank you and GO EAGLES!

Coach Mike Sewak

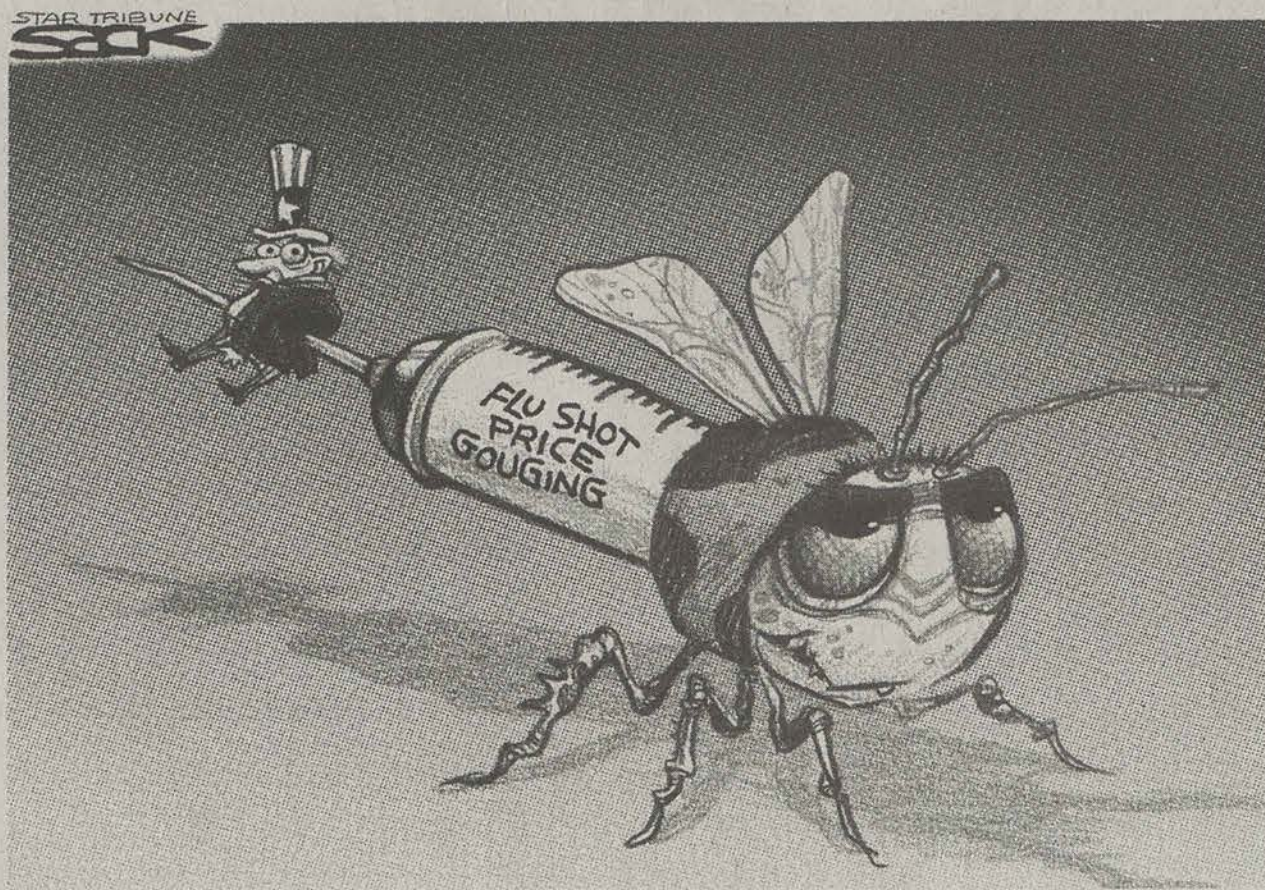
in line had religion-based opposition opinions (where's all of that good ol' Christian patience?), some very intelligent and articulate, and some incredibly ignorant and disrespectful.

A couple of polite opposition opinions stated that it is impossible to be a Christian and gay, because once you are a Christian, you won't sin anymore. One intelligent supporter of gay marriage countered by asking all Christians to raise their hands, then to keep them up only if they had not sinned in the last 24 hours. As far as I could tell, all hands went down. Therefore, by their own logic, none of the people in the commons area were Christians because they had sinned after becoming Christians.

Despite having this point proven to them, some of these people felt the need to inform all homosexuals that they are going to hell. Some did this in a gentle, polite fashion (as polite as a statement such as this could be); you could hear the sadness in their carefully chosen words, and see the genuine concern in their eyes.

However, some, particularly one person, seemed to revel in the opportunity to condemn people to hell, a task he is not qualified to do and not asked to perform by the person who should be making those decisions. I listened in horror as he compared homosexuals to animals and sub-animals, laughing the whole time with a smile on his face and (dare I say?) a song in his heart. As he finished, he was heartily applauded by some of the people who agreed with his horrific comparisons. He claimed

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These are a few of my not-so-favorite things

I try to be a happy person. I mean, I am a member of an organization called Optimist International—which makes me an "optimist"—so I try to see the world in an optimistic way. However, there are certain things that really get to me. And since I am in a somewhat weird mood, I feel the need to mention some of these things here.

1. I hate the misconception that it is impossible for a person to be gay and a Christian. I don't feel the need to explore the fundamental reasons why people consider gay people of the devil. But I do feel the need to point out that there are many things that the Bible mentions as "sins" that people commit, and yet still call themselves a Christian. For one, judging people is a sin. Every person that condemns a homosexual for their lifestyle is judging, a privilege that God has reserved to himself. To say that one who just happens to love another person of their same sex is bad is a judgment, and therefore a sin. I assume that these "judgers" who aren't God, are going to Hell as well. I mean, a sin is a sin, right?

2. I hate cell phone voice mail services. When I call someone on their cell phone and their voice mail picks up (usually when I call girls...), I hear their voice message, and then after that, a little computer lady comes on and

instructs me on how to leave a message correctly. This is insane! We're in the year 2004, and in an era where almost everyone has a cell phone. Besides that, regular answering machines have been around for at least 25 years. People back in the day had no trouble leaving messages, and I'm certain that people now days don't need that extra instruction. I think that cell phone companies should shop this minute-eating practice, and reimburse us all for the time that they have taken from us.

3. I hate that there are people on this campus who have no idea what opportunities are here for them at this fine institution. I can't even begin to name the possibilities that await each student here. No matter one's style or pleasure, there is something for everyone. I believe that we all have a niche in college. I am confident that I have found mine, but I pity those who are too scared to find theirs.

This is my list for now. I hate to say that I have more, but these are the top three that have been on my mind today. Take them for what they're worth, but remember that they are my rants, and hopefully soon I can share my raves.

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International Students Speak Out

Some relationship stereotypes are universal - and for good reason

From this issue forward, The George-Anne will publish one column per week by an international student as part of our "International Students Speak Out" series. Look for this new feature on the Opinions page in every Wednesday edition of The George-Anne.

Relationships are a subject that has been talked about, defined, and argued over the years, in pretty much every language.

For the sake of the argument, I will be writing presenting the female side, keeping in mind that there is a male side too, and I am sure guys have plenty to say about us. But heck, I ain't a guy, so I can pretty much write whatever I want to.

It is the endless talk around a cup of coffee, wondering why oh why, we take so much. There's always the enthusiastic female who concludes: The only solution is to stay away from them, keep the sperm for reproduction, and live in a community without men. Such a utopist (or just plain idiotic) idea is then followed by some: "Nah..."

Because - let's be honest - we may complain about men sometimes, but we just can't live without them. This little diatribe is to make us grateful for what we have and also to remind us that some male behaviors are just the same all over the world.

Since we are on Georgia Southern's campus, we shall not take the example of Georgia Southern men to spare their feelings. Let's take the example of some species found in a certain country located in Africa which, strangely, can be found all over the world.

Hum, is there pattern to see there?

But, I digress. This particular species has three main genres: "the cheater and proud to be," "the liar never caught," and the "lazy-blood

sucker/gigolo wannabe," and it is usually referred to as "the dog," the type of man every sane woman should run away from.

"The cheater and proud to be" is a real man. All his friends know that he is "pimpin'" two or three girls on the side. There is his main squeeze, and then there's the girl for Monday, the one for Wednesdays, and the one for the weekends whenever the main squeeze is not available. Each girl has a different ring tone, so that he can identify the caller without having to look at the phone; we don't want to get caught right? Such a device is quite practical because if you are with squeeze #1 and squeeze #4 calls, you want to avoid the "hum... yes... hum... I'm busy... yes... I can't talk right now."

The next one, who goes right with the first type, is "the liar never caught." His life is just filled with dreams that he shares out loud forgetting to, oops, let people know that these are just dreams, it's not reality. This type is often backed up by friends who come in handy whenever he needs an alibi for why he stood you up that Friday night when he had promised he would take you to watch that new movie that just came out.

And, last but not least, is "the lazy-blood sucker/gigolo wannabe." A new trend. This type shamelessly leeches off of his sweetheart, feeding her ego and sense of love with false compliments that will guarantee him a steady source of income.

"Honey, would you mind if I use your credit card? There's a problem at my bank, I will give you the money as soon as possible." Or, "Oh, great. I forgot my wallet. Do you have a ten on you?" If that occurs too often, you may be taken for a ride, having become someone's "sugar mama."

Run away from them is the advice, but how

to spot them? Alas, my dear. Thus the dilemma. Some of them have obvious signs. For instance, after a first date, repeatedly complimenting you about your brand new car, your expensive sunglasses, and your Gucci purse, should tell you that his materialistic side may represent a problem. Another apparent sign is if he asks to go buy the groceries then comes back home five hours later and gives you a phony excuse about his friends having the birthday party for the uncle of the little cousin of Bubba's step sister. Run my dear, run.

The kind one will fill you with attention, emotional support, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, there'll be no phony phone calls in the middle of the night, and no girl's laugh in the background...

Most of the time, you just have to jump in, taste the water, and most importantly ask yourself: "What am I worth?" Weigh what you're getting out of this present relationship. The attention, the kindness, the honest friendship, the love, and romanticism. Is it enough? Is he really investing emotionally, in you? If not, then what are you worth? What do you deserve?

Hopefully, the answer is a lot. If you reach that answer and what you've been measuring just does not add up, then breathe deeply and let it go.

It's OK, it'll hurt a little or a lot depending on the degree of addiction to your man, but eventually it fades away and it is replaced with the satisfying feeling of "I deserved so much better, and that's what I'm gonna get." As beautiful, brilliant, educated women that we are, it is about time that we start getting what we really deserve.

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Price wins Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions



Aron Price accepts his award during halftime at the Homecoming game on Saturday.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Aron Price fired a final round 69 (-2) to win the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions by two strokes at the Holston Hills Country Club Tuesday.

Price's three-round total of 207 (-6) bested East Tennessee State's Rhys Davies, who shot a 70 (-1) in the final round to finish with a 209 (-4). The victory marked the second year in a row Price had claimed medallist honors at the tournament and was the third win by an Eagle in as many tournaments.

As a team, the Eagles were two-over-par with a 286 on Tuesday and finished the tournament with

a three-round score of 867 (+15). Host Tennessee won the event with a one-over score of 853 with Alabama (858/+6) coming in second and East Tennessee State (862/+10) in third.

For the Eagles, David Palm tied for 21st with a 217 (+4) while Chase Jones tied for 37th with an eight-over 221 and Jon David Kennedy tied for 54th with a 225 (+12). Drew Bowen rounded out the Georgia Southern squad with a 230 (+17) to tie for 66th.

Georgia Southern returns to action Monday, October 25 and 26 when it travels to Baton Rouge, La. to compete in the University Club Invitational hosted by LSU.

Jayson Foster named SoCon's Freshman-of-the-Week



GSU freshman Jayson Foster waits for the snap during Saturday's game against Appalachian State.

GSU Athletics Media Relations

SPARTANBURG, SC - The Southern Conference today named its football players of the week for games played on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Tailback John Taylor of Elon was named the Offensive Player of the Week, defensive end Lee Basinger of Wofford has been named the Defensive Player of the Week and Georgia Southern's Jayson Foster earned the Freshman of the Week award.

Taylor, a 6'2", 215-pound sophomore from Richmond, VA (Bird HS) rushed for a career-high 190 yards and four touchdowns as Elon defeated Chattanooga 35-26 on Saturday.

Taylor scored on a 12-yard run in the first quarter to give Elon an early 7-0 lead. After the Phoenix fell behind 20-7, Taylor rushed for three-fourth quarter scores to key the Elon

comeback. Taylor's 190 yards rushing and his 37 carries are the most by a SoCon player this season.

Basinger, a 6'1", 255-pound senior from Kannapolis, NC (A.L. Brown HS) had five tackles and two sacks in the Terriers' win over Western Carolina on Oct. 16. Basinger had a critical 18-yard sack on the Cata-mounts' final play of the game with 25 seconds left and WCU trailing just 15-12 after having reached Wofford's 34-yard line.

Foster, a 5'9", 164-pound red-shirt freshman from Canton, GA (Cherokee County HS) scored two touchdowns and blocked a punt in the Eagles' 54-7 win over Appalachian State. Foster caught a 36-yard touchdown pass from Chaz Williams in the first quarter and then set up an Eagle scoring strike in the

second quarter as he blocked a Wes Herlocker punt. Foster capped his day by returning a punt 94 yards for a touchdown, the longest punt return in school history and the third-longest in SoCon history.

Also receiving consideration for Offensive Player of the Week were Georgia Southern quarterback Chaz Williams who threw for three touchdowns and rushed for two more in leading the Eagles to a 54-7 win over Appalachian State; Wofford tight end Adam Regenthal who made a key reception to set up the game-winning touchdown against Western Carolina; and Furman quarterback Ingle Martin who completed 17 of 28 passes for 213 yards and two scores in the Paladins' 33-14 win over The Citadel.

On defense, other nominees in-

cluded defensive tackle Albert Reid of Western Carolina who registered five tackles against Wofford on Saturday, Elon linebacker Chad Nkang who recorded 12 tackles in the Phoenix win over Chattanooga, and Georgia Southern linebacker John Mohring who had six tackles in the Eagles' win over Appalachian State.

Others receiving consideration for the Freshman of the Week award included Jason Leventis of Wofford who blocked a punt that set up the game-winning touchdown against Western Carolina; Chattanooga's Lironnie Davis who rushed for a career-high 98 yards and two touchdowns against Elon, and Elon quarterback Kye Hamilton who completed 13 of 26 passes for a career-best 144 yards and a score in the Phoenix 35-26 win at Chattanooga.

Come Out and Support Our Volleyball Team!

Tonight, 7 p.m. vs. Jacksonville

October 22, 2004, 7 p.m. vs. Western Carolina

October 24, 2004, 2 p.m vs. Appalachian State

OPINIONS

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that not even animals had sex with members of the same sex, proving he has never owned a pet dog.

It's okay to disagree with gay marriage. That's your opinion, and you're entitled to it. I understand your desire to inform those who do not agree with your faith; after all, the Bible calls upon all Christians to spread the word of Christ. However, how constructive is it to "inform" people you are supposedly trying to convert that they are going to Hell? Do you think you're telling them anything new? Do you expect them to be shocked, and loudly exclaim, "What?! Homosexuality is a sin in the Christian culture? I didn't know! Convert me now!"

A lot was said about the meaning of the word "Christian" being "Christ-like", but I believe that Christ, while he might inform a non-Christian of their future fate, would do so in a loving manner, and would be polite and genuine in his attempt to convert a non-believer, as opposed to knocking them over the head with a Bible. The way to convert somebody—to truly convert somebody—is not through threats and condemnations, but through patient, respectful discussion, and a personal revelation on the part of the person you are trying to convert. Laughing as you condemn them to Hell only insults and enrages people. They see the hypocrisy you present on behalf of Christianity, and I'm sure they think, "Why would I want to be like this person? Is this what Christians are like?"

When I finally reached the mic after my hour-long wait, I took part of my two minutes—now strictly enforced thanks to the impatient microphone-hogging windbags—to reprimand the people who broke in line and criticize the leaders who did not stop them. With the strict time limit, I got through maybe one-third of my point before I was cut off.

I would like to quickly take this opportunity to once again sarcastically thank all of the disrespectful Bible-thumpers whose time was obviously just too valuable to waste following silly social courtesies like standing in a line and waiting their turn. To the event organizers: perhaps next time there should be a more orderly system devised to handle all of the people who want to speak their minds. Finally, to the one disgraceful example of a "Christian": Shut up, read a book (the Bible perhaps?), and stop making the rest of us look bad. Shame on you.

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Eagle Baseball announces 2005 schedule

GSU Athletics Media Relations

STATESBORO, GA- Fifteen games against NCAA Regional teams Charleston, The Citadel, Florida Atlantic, Georgia and Georgia Tech highlight the Georgia Southern baseball team's 2005 schedule, as announced by Head Coach Rodney Hennon Wednesday.

Georgia Southern will christen a rebuilt J.I. Clements Stadium on Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m. for the start of a two-game series with intrastate foe Georgia Tech. After traveling for a game at Jacksonville, the Eagles will return to Statesboro for a three-game set against George Washington, a team that finished 41-18 last season.

Following the series with the Colonials, the Eagles will travel north to Athens to face Georgia, one of the final four teams in the 2004 College World Series, from Feb. 26-27 before heading to Atlanta to face off with Georgia Tech once more,

on March 1-2. Georgia Southern's second-to-last opponent will come in a home game with Florida Atlantic, who tallied a record of 47-17 last season, on May 17.

Other non-conference opponents set to visit Statesboro include Buffalo and a quartet of Atlantic Sun teams in Gardner-Webb, Georgia State, Mercer and Jacksonville.

Said Hennon about the Eagles' non-conference slate, "It's very important to put us in a position to compete in the NCAA Regional and to advance to [the College World Series in] Omaha. Competing against teams of this caliber early on helps to build consistency in the NCAA Regional."

The Eagles' Southern Conference season begins March 11, as Georgia Southern opens a three-game home tilt with Davidson. In addition to the Wildcats, league foes set to play in J.I. Clements Stadium include College of Charleston, Elon, Furman and Wofford.

On the road, Georgia Southern travels to battle Appalachian State, East Tennessee State, UNC Greensboro and Western Carolina, before closing the regular season against defending conference champs The Citadel on May 19-21 in Charleston, S.C. The Eagles will return to Charleston soon after, as they begin the SoCon Tournament at Joe Riley Park on May 25.

"The league continues to get bet-

ter," added Hennon. "We get a good test in February against teams like Georgia Tech, George Washington, Jacksonville and Georgia. It's good preparation for league play."

Georgia Southern returns seven starters and 21 letterwinners from last year's club, which finished with an overall 34-25 record. The Eagles added a 21-9 mark in conference play, placing them in second place.

2005 February Baseball Schedule

February 12, 2005, 1:30 p.m. vs. Georgia Tech
February 13, 2005, 1:30 p.m. vs. Georgia Tech
February 15, 2005, 4 p.m. at Jacksonville
February 18, 2005, 4 p.m. vs. George Washington
February 19, 2005, 1:30 p.m. vs. George Washington
February 20, 2005, 1:30 p.m. vs. George Washington
February 26, 2005, 4 p.m. at Georgia
February 27, 2005, 1 p.m. at Georgia