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Only In America

Recent alarming news

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Harvard University this year hired a recent graduate as a full-time promoter and coordinator of social activities, apparently because so many at the school are too busy to relax. According to Associate Dean Judith Kidd, "[T]he kids work very, very hard here. And they worked very, very hard... to get here. They arrived needing help having fun." (By contrast, two weeks later, a police raid in Durham, N.C., turned up 200 noisy Duke University students, many of them bikini-clad women, wrestling in a plastic pool of baby oil in the basement of a fraternity house, apparently inspired by a scene from the movie "Old School.")

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Quote of the Day

"Reasonable people adapt themselves to the world. Unreasonable people attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depends on unreasonable people."

- George Bernard Shaw

Weekday Weather

Wednesday



Rain

HIGH 50°

LOW 46°

Thursday



Rain

HIGH 52°

LOW 36°

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GSU receives \$667,741 gift for scholarships

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern has received a gift totaling \$677,741 from the estate of the late Mrs. Perrin C. Eidson, the widow of former GSU President John Olin Eidson.

The donation will become a part of the John Olin Eidson Scholarship endowment, which funds scholarships for students in the University Honors Program. Mrs. Eidson had previously given

approximately \$133,000 to the endowment, which now totals \$845,598.

The John Olin Eidson Scholarship endowment can now support approximately \$42,000 in annual scholarship money, or 84 individual \$500 scholarships.

Eidson was president of GSU from 1968 to 1971. The John Eidson Alumni House is named for him.

"This is a very generous gift from Mrs. Eidson to honor the memory of her husband," said President Bruce Grube. "It will go a long way to help GSU honor students pursue their education."

In addition to the cash gift, Mrs. Eidson also donated several pieces of art and furniture worth several thousand dollars to the university.

Mrs. Eidson's gift is part of GSU's major capital fund-raising campaign. The Campaign for National Distinction was officially launched in October 2004 and has a goal of raising \$40 million from private sources for use in scholarships, eminent scholar chairs, faculty excellence programs, graduate assistantships and fellowships and other projects.



The late Eidson and his late wife, Perrin

Goodbye Food Lion... ...Hello Harveys

By Nicole Burgess

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The shelves stand empty and the clearance signs say it all. Soon Food Lion in Statesboro will be no more.

The Food Lion store located on Fair Road in Statesboro has changed ownership and will be reopened as Harveys. All of the produce and refrigerated sections are already empty, and the sales are helping to clear nonperishable products off the shelves.

Some employees are in favor of the changes, while others are upset over the sudden changes. Customer service representative Diane Smith said, "Changing Food Lion's name to Harveys will strengthen its performance and eliminate any direct competition between the two." According to Diane, more Statesboro residents are familiar with the Harveys name than Food Lion.

Georgia Southern students bring lots of revenue to grocery stores all over Statesboro, and their perception of the change will determine Harveys future. Sophomore Katherine Harris said, "I don't like Food Lion in the first place, and I've never heard of Harveys, but I definitely want to see what Harveys will look like once the change is made."

Some changes in policy will take place, but most Food Lion employees will be offered a position at Harveys. The Food

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David Caselli/STAFF

Empty shelves at Food Lion show the store's efforts to move stock before changing their name to Harveys, grocery chain based mainly in the Southeast and owned by the same company as Food Lion.

Body of local woman found

Associated Press

THUNDERBOLT- Preliminary autopsy results indicate that a body pulled from the Wilmington River was that of a Thunderbolt woman who's been missing for two weeks.

Cindy Lynch, a 42-year-old beautician, was last seen around 11 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the parking lot of the Thunderbolt Marina, where she had been living with her husband aboard their yacht.



Cindy Lynch

Divers pulled a body out of the water about 30 yards from the yacht around 7:40 p.m. Monday, after a man spotted it at the bottom of the river while on his sonar boat.

Bill Butterworth of the Thunderbolt Police Department said the body closely matched a description of Lynch and "probably is her."

A preliminary autopsy conducted Tuesday indicated that Lynch's death "was consistent with an accidental death due to drowning," Butterworth said, adding that superficial bruises found on the body suggested she fell off the boat into the frigid waters.

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Be on F.I.R.E with INSPIRE

By Tamera Bush

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Students will have a chance to be on F.I.R.E. with INSPIRE's third annual Spring Leadership Conference taking place Saturday, Feb. 19.

Student Leadership advisor and conference coordinator Theresa Novotny hopes to have about 100 students, which is what they had last year.

"It would be nice to see it increase to around 200 participants. The more students in attendance the more networking they can do," Novotny said.

She says Georgia Southern gets about the same quantity of participants as The University of Georgia and The University of Southern California.

Students will learn through a series of educational programs about officer transition, team building, privacy rights, using the media and a number of other things. It starts in the ballroom but will spread throughout the Union. The conference breaks up into seven parts and includes lunch.

Crystal Clark, a senior Public Relations major, attended last year's conference. She said she would recommend the conference to other students.

Novotny says the conference enables participants to start thinking about leadership in a broader sense, and to take an active part in their own personal development.

"Students will get to mix and mingle with each other and network," she said.

Most importantly, participants should have fun. After all, F.I.R.E. stands for Finding Involvement Rewarding and Exciting.

The keynote speaker is Robert Jepson, who is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Jepson Associates Inc., in Savannah. He is also the namesake of a leadership school at the University of Richmond. He will speak about servant leadership and helping others. Novotny says he is phenomenal and the participants will enjoy it.

The conference was organized by

INSPIRE student leadership consultants. Members are upperclassmen with leadership experience and a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. They also plan leadership week and the Leadership 101 Series, among other things.

The conference is non-profit and the costs go to organizing fees. Students can register by going to the Student Leadership Center in the Russell Union room 2022 or they can download a registration form from the website

The cost is \$20 for one person and \$15 for two or more people that sign up together. Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend, including non-students and especially those in new leadership roles. Early registration ends Feb. 4, so hurry up and register today. For more information, visit their website at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/inspire2005.htm>.

Student organization leaders and future leaders are encouraged to attend.

Former crematory operator gets 12 years

By Harry R. Weber

Associated Press

LaFAYETTE - They came far from and wide hoping to hear a former crematory operator explain why he dumped 334 bodies and passed off cement dust as the remains of the dead. They didn't get an answer.

Nearly two dozen relatives of people whose bodies were discarded at the Tri-State Crematory in rural Noble testified at Monday's sentencing hearing for Ray Brent Marsh. Some haven't been able to sleep; others still have nightmares. All wanted to know why Marsh did what he did.

"How would you feel if your daughter was treated in that fashion?" Joe Oden of Chattanooga, Tenn., whose wife was supposed to be cremated at Tri-State, asked Marsh. "You'd feel the same as these people."

Oden asked the question that was repeated over and over again during six hours of emotional victim-impact statements.

"Why did you do this when you had so many other options?" Oden asked Marsh, who was an intelligent and popular football player in high school and college.

Marsh, as he did when he

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AP Photo/Ric Feld

Ray Brent Marsh is sworn in by his attorney, Ken Poston, before being asked a question by the judge during sentencing proceedings in Walker County Court in LaFayette, Ga., on Monday. Agreeing with the terms of a plea deal, Judge James Bodiford sentenced Marsh to 12 years in prison followed by a lengthy probation and a \$20,000 fine.



Office of Judicial Affairs

Activity Log for Fall 2004

Violation	# in Violation
Academic Dishonesty	62
Alcoholic Beverages	180
Assault	15
Damage Property	5
Deception	26
Disorderly Conduct	18
Drugs	25
Failure to Comply	12
Harassment/Threats	3
Joint Responsibility	2
Sexual Assault	1
Sexual Communication	1
Sexual Misconduct	1
Theft	16
Unauthorized Entry	6
Unauthorized Use	4
University Housing Regulations	1
Violation of the Law	4
Weapons & Firearms	2
Total Violations	385

Activity Log for January 2005

Violation	# in Violation
Academic Dishonesty	9
Alcoholic Beverages	18
Assault	6
Damage Property	1
Deception	4
Disorderly Conduct	1
Drugs	7
Fire Safety	1
Harassment/Threats	1
Theft	2
Unauthorized Entry	1
University Housing Regulations	1
Violation of the Law	7
Weapons & Firearms	5
Total Violations	64

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Public colleges begin to shift focus to undergraduate donors

By Samira Jafari
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Leon Harris pays for his college education on his own. He's drowning in student loans, he's between part-time jobs and his dorm room just got more expensive.

Yet on a recent afternoon, the University of Alabama sophomore came face to face with a banner asking him to donate money to the university as part of a newly launched, student capital campaign.

"I don't have any money to give. I give them a lot of money already," Harris said.

Public universities traditionally have not solicited their undergraduates for donations - Alabama hasn't asked since 1922. But faced with state budget cuts and the need to remain competitive, schools around the country are beginning to focus on students as young as freshmen and sophomores as prime targets for fund raising.

"Very clearly there is a trend and the trend has been going on for a couple of decades," said John Taylor of Durham, N.C., a higher education consultant who specializes in annual giving.

At California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, undergraduates have been giving to a students-only fund, established in 1998, that's used for scholarships. Several schools, including the University of Georgia, have solicited seniors to donate typically \$35-\$50 for the betterment of the campus. At Auburn University, a few individual colleges within the university are asking students to make contributions in the amount of their class year - \$20.04 for 2004, \$20.05 for 2005 and so on.

Some students, such as Alabama senior Glen Gregory, say it's too soon to be asked to give, even if it's only a small amount - the cost of a cup of coffee, perhaps.

Philanthropy observers aren't sure how many public universities have launched student capital campaigns, but believe the campaigns reflect what private institutions have done for some time.

"It's probably been going on in private institutions for a number of years, largely because private schools have been more dependent on philanthropy," said Tim Seiler, director of the fund-raising school at the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University.

"There is a growing need for private donations because of evolution of government funding," he continued.

States are facing tough economic times, with legislative appropriations increasingly earmarked for faculty pay raises and rising health care costs. That leaves universities to come up with money for building and expansion themselves, typically through private donors and tuition hikes.

Of Alabama's 16 four-year colleges, half have increased tuition by at least 33 percent over the past four years. Nationwide, tuition climbed 10.5 percent at public four-year colleges last year.

But university officials insist that tapping undergraduates for donations isn't just about the money. "It's about establishing a firm tradition of giving," said Graham Smith, coordinator of Alabama's student campaign.

The theory is that if students get in the habit of donating a couple of dollars each year as undergraduates, then giving as alumni will be almost second nature. It also serves as fuel for more traditional capital campaigns that target older alumni, the idea being, "If a freshman can donate, so can a working professional." Plus,

it teaches students the true value of their education - "what it really costs to run this gigantic machine," Smith said.

To drive the point home, campaigners have decided not to add new mandatory costs but to encourage students to donate voluntarily.

"It wouldn't feel like a contribution if it was mandatory," said Allie Esslinger, an Alabama junior who is serving as the student director of the campaign.

Though hard numbers aren't available, it seems undergraduates who are scholarship recipients are more willing to donate to universities if the money goes toward scholarships.

Freshmen Matt Clay and Justin Headley both attend Alabama on academic scholarships and look to their parents for spending money. Even though they are still "scraping by," they say they will give to the student campaign because it's going to help another student.

"Of course, we're college students and we don't have that much money, but I think we can contribute a small amount," Clay said.

"If we can see the results, like see a kid get a scholarship, then we'll want to give more," Headley said.

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pleaded guilty in November, chose not to explain himself.

As victims' relatives - some from as far away as Indiana and Michigan - testified, Marsh sat silent. Other than nodding at times during the testimony, he stared straight ahead and only occasionally swallowed.

After all the relatives had the opportunity to speak, Marsh stood up, looked at the family members and apologized.

Agreeing with the terms of a plea deal, Bodiford sentenced Marsh to 12 years in prison followed by a lengthy probation and a \$20,000 fine. He will get credit for the nearly eight months already served in jail.

Under a plea deal announced in November, Marsh pleaded guilty to 787 counts of theft, abuse of a corpse, burial service fraud and making false statements. He has also pleaded guilty to related charges in Tennessee and

agreed to the same 12-year prison sentence, which is to run concurrently with the Georgia sentence.

Relatives have reached an \$80 million civil settlement with Marsh, though it is unclear how much of that will ever be paid.

A lawsuit against funeral homes that sent bodies to Marsh's crematory was settled for \$36 million, and much of that has been paid.

Some relatives, including Randall

Jensen, of Boaz, Ala., said they agreed with the prison sentence.

But others said the 12-year prison sentence was not nearly enough.

"This man needs to be punished and get a sentence that reflects 787 felonies," said Julie Kinder, of Hixson, Tenn., whose father was taken to Marsh's crematory. "I heard you blame your father for what you did. That is shameful. You're a sicko in my opinion."

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The initial conclusions seemed to clear her husband, Chet Lynch, after Cindy Lynch's relatives had told police the couple was having marital problems and were arguing the night of the disappearance.

But Chet Lynch's lawyer, Bill Bell, said Cindy Lynch had an alcohol problem. Bell said the woman could have slipped into the water because she was intoxicated.

Butterworth said further tests would be conducted to confirm Tuesday's findings.

HARVEYS, FROM PAGE 1

Lion MVP card will no longer be accepted, but prices will be equally low for each customer.

Harveys started as a family owned grocery store in 1950 and has grown to have a larger customer base in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida than Food Lion does.

Both Food Lion and Harveys are owned by the Delhaize Group, which is a food retailer that operates out of Belgium in 10 countries. The Delhaize Group was founded in Belgium in 1867.

Harveys has 55 stores in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida, and they are currently adding 14 more locations, including the one in Statesboro.



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Buffalo roams dressing rooms

RAPID CITY, S.D. — A buffalo that escaped from an auction ended up in a dressing room at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The buffalo jumped over a steel panel during the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo on Sunday morning, went down an alley and got into the dressing room, said Brian Maliske, the civic center's general manager.

South Dakota

The crew conducting the Black Hills Classic Buffalo Sale decided to keep the animal locked in the dressing room for the rest of the auction. During its two-hour stay, it reportedly became fascinated with its image in the big mirror.

Once the sale ended, a rodeo crew member coaxed the buffalo out of the dressing room and back into captivity.

Thief makes off with trash can

MARTINSBURG, W.V. — Police are looking for a tidy thief.

A man who broke into a gas station and convenience store Wednesday night took the trash can when he left, said Lt. K.C. Bohrer of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department.

West Virginia

Surveillance cameras in ROC's gas station show the man entering the rear of the store, then stealing cash, cartons of cigarettes, soda and the trash can, Bohrer said.

Car stolen three times in six days

BISMARCK, N.D. — A man here owns one hot car. Police said the dark purple Ford was stolen three times in six days.

Lt. Mike Wardzinski said the car was first reported stolen on Jan. 20. It was found and towed back to the man's house early Tuesday, only to disappear a few hours later. It was found later in the day.

North Dakota

The car was stolen again on Wednesday. Police recovered the vehicle the next day.

Wardzinski said there were no keys inside the car and the doors were locked each time the car was stolen.

Wardzinski said it appears someone else has a set of keys to the car.

Man drops bags of flour from airplane

MESA, Az. — A man could face charges for dropping bags of flour from an airplane as he flew over a campground on the Tonto National Forest, authorities said.

The man, whose identity wasn't released, flew a plane out of Deer Valley Airport and dropped sacks of white powder as a prank on friends who were playing paintball.

Arizona

Some plastic bags broke before reaching the ground, while others landed intact.

Forest rangers evacuated the campground after seeing the drop

around noon Sunday and contacted the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

The paintball players later explained that their friend had dropped flour bags as a joke.

Prisoner's blanket causes sewage flood

KALISPELL, Mt. — Working conditions in the Flathead Justice Center deteriorated rapidly Sunday when raw sewage began coursing through the main floor and seeping into the basement, an official said.

The culprit was a male prisoner at the county detention center who flushed a blanket down a jail toilet sometime before noon.

Professional cleaners were called in and most of the mess was cleaned up by late afternoon.

Hutton said it would be up to the county attorney to file charges, but the incident was logged as felony criminal mischief.

Man uses tattoos as advertisements

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Old school: The body is a temple.

The Next Big Thing, according to 31-year-old Joe Tamargo: The body is a billboard.

Tamargo, who runs a Web site LivingAdSpace.com, has started a new enterprise, selling advertisers the opportunity to permanently tattoo their messages on his body.

Two advertisers earned spots on his right arm — and put a little more than \$1,000 in his pocket. A California pharmaceutical company last week posted an ad for pill daddy.com for \$500. On Thursday, Tamargo earned \$510 to have "Save Martha! It's a good thing. SaveMartha.com" permanently etched farther down the same arm.

Other people have sold their bodies for temporary tattoo messages. Tamargo claims to be the only one agreeing to be etched with a permanent message.

Owner auctioning drive-thru strip club

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The owner of what's billed as the world's only drive-thru strip club is selling it on the Internet. Bidding for the Climax Gentleman's Club opened at \$299,000 this week on the auction site eBay.

Nick Fratangelo said the club's been a fun run, but it's time to cash in.

The drive-through club opened in Salem Township, Westmoreland County, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, in spring 2000 and soon drew worldwide attention.

Despite the publicity, no one else has stepped forward claiming another such club, said Fratangelo, who was surprised there have been no imitators.

For \$10, a driver can watch from the car as a nude woman dances from inside an enclosed booth (so there can't be any grabbing and for temperature control). Carloads of two or more people pay \$20.

"You're always guaranteed at least one minute. But we're very flexible," he said. "It depends on how many cars are backed up behind you."

National News Briefs

Helms tells supporters he fears Clinton will run UN

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bill Clinton in charge of the United Nations?

That's the image former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms is dangling in front of his ardent supporters in a letter aimed at raising money for his senatorial library.

In the letter, the 83-year-old Republican, who left office in 2003 after five terms, worries that the former president has aspirations to

lead the U.N. after Kofi Annan retires next year.

"I'm sure you might agree that putting a left-wing, undisciplined and ethically challenged former President of the United States into a position of such power would be a tragic mistake," Helms writes.

A spokesman for Clinton did not immediately return a call seeking comment Tuesday and the former

president has said nothing publicly about wanting to lead the U.N.

Still, Clinton, who often butted heads with Helms when the archconservative headed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, remains the ultimate bogeyman for Helms.

Helms was elected to the Senate in 1972 and went on to become one of the nation's most prominent conservatives.



Associated Press

Helms, left, fears Clinton has aspirations to lead the U.N. after Kofi Annan retires next year.

Bush pushing agenda in State of Union

WASHINGTON — President Bush is ready to challenge Congress to approve a stack of politically divisive measures he has proposed before without success, from major changes in Social Security to a loosening of the nation's immigration laws.

Bush will go before Congress and the nation with his annual State of the Union message Wednesday night with the lowest approval rating of any second-term president since Richard Nixon.

Yet he is in a feisty mood, insisting that his re-election has given him a mandate for change and political capital to spend in pursuing his agenda.

Dems want extended military death pay

WASHINGTON — Democrats argued Tuesday that President Bush's proposal to boost government payments to families of U.S. troops killed in Iraq, Afghanistan and future war zones should extend to all military personnel who die on active duty.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said that while he agreed with Bush's plan to give those families an extra \$250,000, the money should also "apply to all service members on active duty" who die and not just those who die in Pentagon-designated combat zones.

Elephant tramples circus worker to death

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An elephant being loaded onto a truck trampled a circus animal trainer to death at Memorial Coliseum, police said.

Three handlers were loading the elephant Monday as crews packed up from this weekend's Shrine Circus, officials said. Two of the workers left the trailer and one man stayed behind to lock the trailer door.

A coliseum employee later saw the man lying inside a semitrailer with the elephants and alerted other handlers, said Victor Hopkins, spokesman for the Allen County Sheriff's Department. The man was taken to a hospital and died a few hours later.

Police said they did not know how many times the elephant stepped on the man, whose name was not released.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is looking into the incident, USDA spokesman Darby Holladay said.

Former Abu Ghraib guard makes plea deal

FORT HOOD, Tx. — A former Abu Ghraib guard pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery and two other

charges in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal as part of a deal with prosecutors on the eve of his trial.

Sgt. Javal Davis, 27, also pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and making a false official statement to Army investigators after pho-

tographs of naked and abused prisoners were made public last spring.

Davis, from Roselle, N.J., will not be tried on two other charges he had faced: conspiracy and maltreating detainees.

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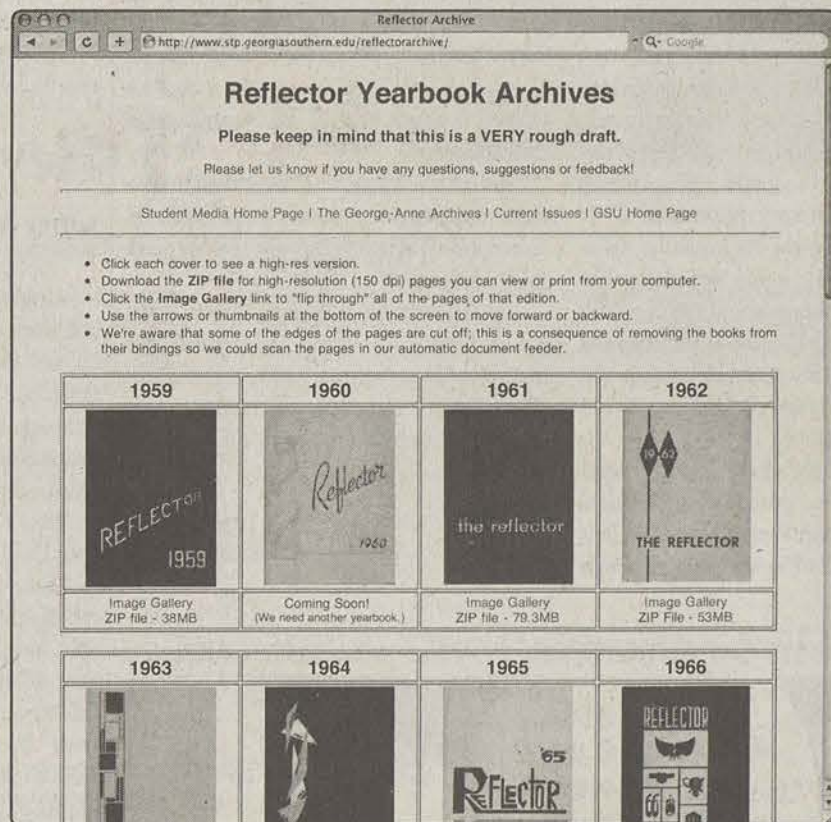
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letters to the editor

A better understanding

The recent headline "Evolution spats bet-er left to scientists" immediately piqued my interest in the article.

I was very eager to hear Mr. Thomas' views on evolution and the canopy of controversy surrounding the theory. As I read through the article I was taken aback by his limited understanding of the theory itself and how quickly he jumped to a conclusion without any factual basis for his argument.

I am a biology major at GSU, taking a class in evolution. So I thought I might enlighten the misinformed.

The Theory of Evolution is unarguably brilliant and sound in scientific reason. The theory of evolution must not be confused with what should be termed the hypothesis of how we came to exist. Let me first explain these concepts.

The theory of evolution can be summed in one word, change. It is the process by which populations, species and even environments change over time. This metamorphosis is not merely the product of mutation as many believe. What truly causes evolution are variances in the gene flow from generation to generation.

This can be simply understood as natural selection, which can be explained as the adaptation of a species to potentially damaging elements in an environment.

An easily understood example would be if you had one black rabbit and one white rabbit living in a snow covered environment. The white rabbit would survive because it is better suited to its environment. This would result in the passing on of the white rabbits genes and, thus, a more abundant population of white rabbits. This all is very scientific.

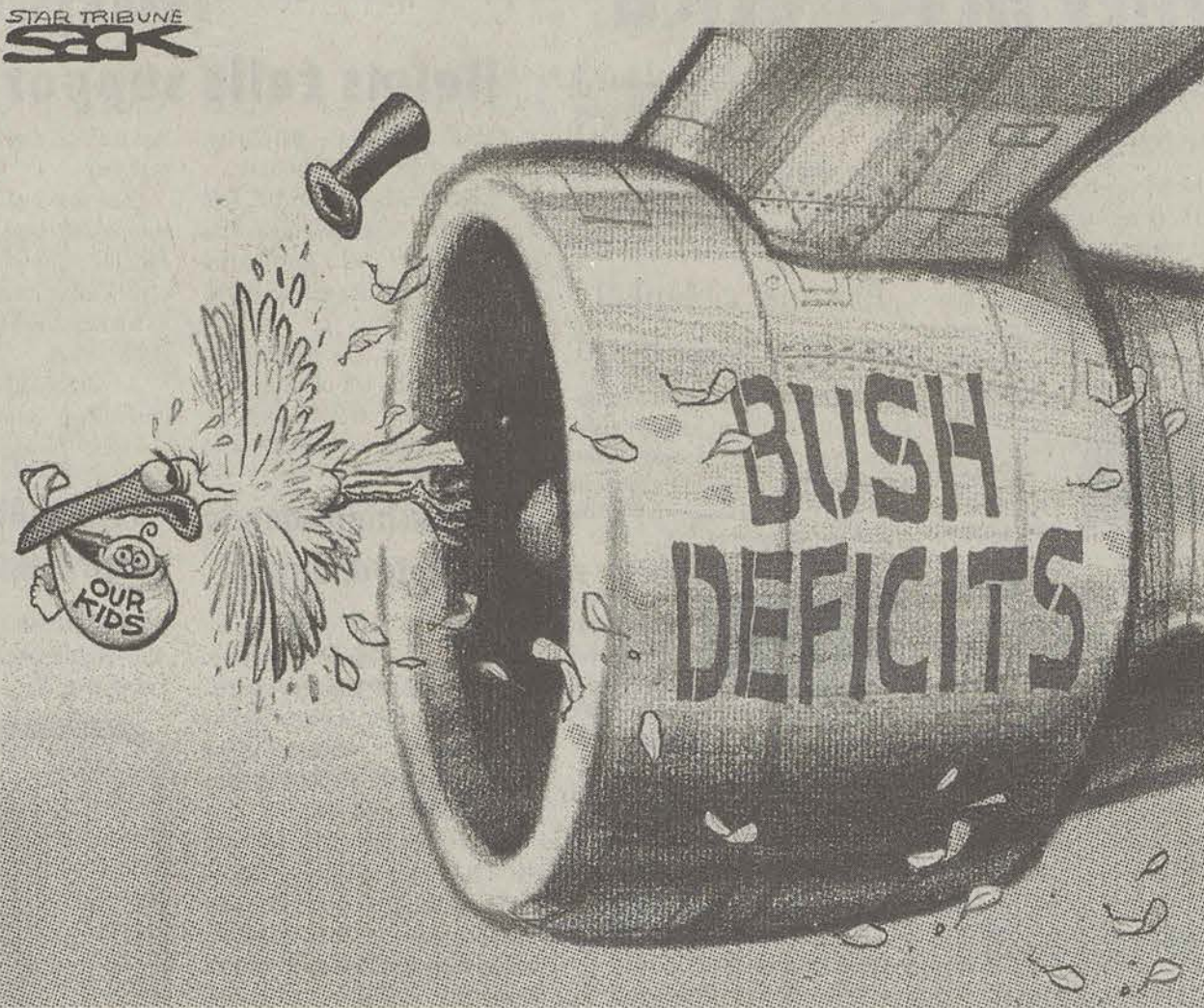
Unfortunately, the basis for the origin of life is completely unfounded. It does not even take into account the most elementary concepts of the scientific method. No species has ever been observed to be evolving into another species. All species on earth reproduce after their own kind and, as of yet, no legitimate missing links have been discovered.

Because there are no records of species morphing into other species, it is not even possible to begin testing or experimentation. I am aware that we now have succeeded in conducting experiments explaining that various parts of the origin of life through evolution are possible. We must however, remember that these experiments are conducted in a closed laboratory by an intelligent being, not by chance as they would have occurred naturally.

Please remember next time that, before making hasty generalizations, you should recognize that your own beliefs are based on faith not science, in essence, a scientific myth.

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He was a mighty mouse, indeed

I had a pet mouse for a week. Actually, he was there as a rodent. But, being the animal lover that I am, and having a girlfriend who shares those same feelings, the mouse's status moved from pesky rodent to loving pet.

When I first noticed this mouse in my room, he scared the hell out of me. I was reading, and he ran from one side of the room to the other. At that point, I felt dirty. I thought, "How white-trash am I, having a mouse in my bedroom?" This thought was interrupted, though, as he appeared again, sticking his little nose out from under my bookcase, pondering which wire he would chew through first.

After I got over my fear of this little creature (and got down from the bedside table on which I climbed to avoid him), I decided to hunt him down.

Try as I did, he wouldn't have it. He was fast as hell, and I could hear him laugh as he zoomed by my failed efforts to trap him in a shoebox. After a while, I gave up. He had won for the time being, and I decided to ignore him.

A few days passed and I thought that he had left, but then started to hear him scurry again. In the eyes of my girlfriend Kristin and I, though, he was our new pet. She talked me into liking him more and I accepted him as a new addition to my life; I was content.

With the new mouse in mind as a pet (and now that he had a name, Mighty, given by Kristin) I opted to go and buy some humane mousetraps so that I could catch him without the risk of harming him.

I was a little too late.

Before I could get these humane traps, he found his way into the kitchen where there were some not-so-humane traps set by roommates who were tired of the Mighty being there and unaware of my plans to keep the critter they perceived as a pest.

The death of Mighty was a shame, but it was my own fault. Maybe I was too idealistic, maybe too hopeful that this mouse would want to live amongst the civilized. He had other plans.

Regardless, I'm happy to know that Mighty is in mouse heaven, a place where the streets are really paved with cheese. He's probably hanging out with Fival or someone like that, and that makes me smile.

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Election is milestone for Iraqi people

I am writing to respectfully disagree with the Jan. 31 editorial, "Can the election process be trusted in Iraq?" The editors took the position that the first true Iraqi elections in 100 years were perhaps rigged with pawns of the Bush administration, and therefore, they wonder just how great of a milestone these elections are.

There are two issues here that need to be addressed. First, it is not completely far-fetched that the candidates had to meet some form of approval from some United States agency. It would be careless and counterproductive to even give radicals a chance to take over the process at this point.

However, this alleged screening process might not have even been necessary, as the Islamic fundamentalists have made it abundantly clear that they do not agree with the electoral process in and of itself, nor of those who support it. They chose instead to target for murder both candidates and those who sought to cast their votes. The course of action chosen by the insurgency was not to capture political office, rather to violently destroy the process.

Secondly, and most importantly, these elections showed the world something that perhaps it did not know about the everyday Iraqi. Remember that Zarqawi and other agents of the insurgency threatened to unleash 400 suicide bombers at the polls and assassinate any candidate for office.

Given almost daily bombings and civilian casualties, Iraqis were probably wholeheartedly convinced that this would be the case, but they came. Some had to walk miles through dangerous areas just to cast a ballot, but they came. They came in numbers that rivaled or surpassed the percentages of voters in U.S. elections.

They watched as U.S. and Iraqi security forces disabled suicide bombers at the very polls they were about to enter, but they still came. Mortar shells were fired at some of the lines, but they stayed and accomplished what they set out to do. Would Americans or Europeans have the courage to risk their lives to cast a vote?

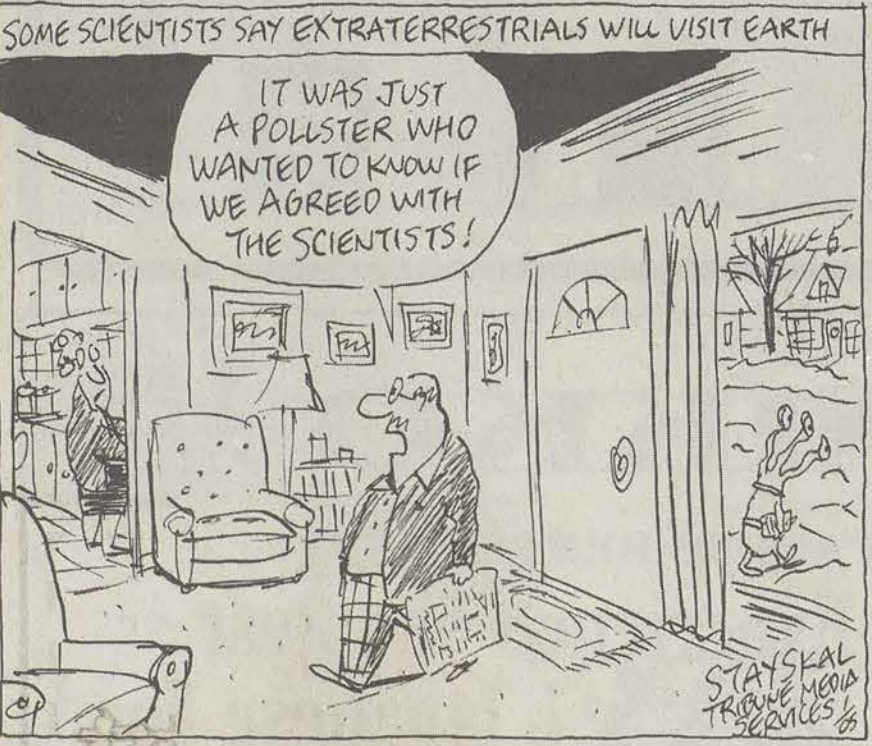
Every ballot cast was a rejection of the ideology of the insurgency, and each reinforced democratic ideals. It was perhaps the best affirmation of the power of freedom in 16 years. For 24 hours, the world watched as Iraqis danced in the streets, risking their lives, to cry "Vote Allawi! Not Zarqawi!" And for those 24 hours, there was an incredible battle raging between freedom and fear, but the soldiers were not wearing American flags on their shoulders.

Those brave Iraqis, who risked their lives to cast a vote and reject extreme fundamentalism, accomplished a victory that will indelibly mark the Iraqi Conflict.

The victory was not for Republicans. It was not for Democrats. It was not singularly for the United States or Iraq. On Jan. 31, against all predictions and odds, the citizens of Iraq won a truly inspirational battle for the entire free world.

Chris Lane

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Hey America: Here's how to super-size the war effort

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Alright, you got me. Get me a yellow ribbon magnet and a W bumper sticker because I'm sick of siding with nay-saying liberals on Operation Iraqi Freedom, with their boring little arguments about dead kids and "international law" violations. International law? I didn't vote for that!

Also, I recently took note that you cannot spell Un-American without U.N.

These convincing persuasions, along with countless others I assimilated into my mindset after being mysteriously strapped to a chair, eyes dilated and forced to view FOXNews for 48 hours straight, have liberated my mind from the treacherous and treasonous peace movement. Free at last! Now I can focus my efforts on helping our fearless leader's brave crusade in the Middle East.

Democrats and other subversive radicals like to solve problems by throwing money at them. Ridiculous. I say we solve this problem by throwing soldiers at it. But first, we get our boys plenty pumped by having them rock out to Godsmack in the helicopter before deployment.

Man oh man, I'd hate to be Johnny Islam on the streets on Fallujah the day a true-blue American freedom fighter steps on the scene to show them what democracy is all about! He'll be begging to be put on a naked pyramid.

But where can we get more fuel for the fire - more soldiers to shoot, bomb and humiliate those darn insurgents? Here's where my plan comes into effect: We need trained and experienced team players, so why not get the players of our teams? Football, baseball, basketball, soccer and many other sports teams have been working on essential elements of cooperative action for years. And they even have catchy names, slogans and mascots already established.

We need to utilize their special skills to serve the needs of our country's interests - I want to see the Georgia Southern Eagles score a touchdown for freedom! Send them to Iraq and let's show these jokers how real Americans get 'er done! Can you imagine the sleepless nights Osama Bin Laden will have to endure knowing that Michael Vick, Mark McGuire, and Shaq are coming to eat his lunch? A Sports Draft is the next logical step if you really want to step this hotbed up a notch.

The NFL, MLB and NBA as well as college teams like our own and even high school superstar squads are perfect for the task. Hell, you can even let NASCAR hotshots man the transportation side of things. Ain't a soldier alive that's gonna get armaments to the front line faster than Dale Jr.

I know what you're asking, "Why didn't we think of this sooner?" Well, the answer is because you were probably watching the game. Which is precisely the problem!

Without the distraction of weekly sports events clogging up time on national TV, which we could be using to show patriotic programming like Band of Brothers and the O'Reilly Factor, we can focus 110 percent on the threats facing the country. The sports draft will give kids new reasons to idolize their role models, and the funerals for these fallen heroes will generate huge revenues for American entrepreneurs. Savvy consumers will finally have more commemorative plates to adorn their dining areas.

But, most importantly, the enemy will finally realize we are taking this Operation seriously. I mean c'mon, I'm supposed to be intimidated by Jessica Lynch? Let's see Muhammad and his pals try to take NFL powerhouse Brian Urlacher hostage!

The only exemption from what should be a mandatory draft will be Special Olympics athletes, many of whom are missing limbs and could easily trick gullible Army medics (like those on the popular series M*A*S*H) into getting a plush ride by wheeling into a treatment center and acting like they had been wounded.

Also, skip professional wrestlers, because that stuff is all fake, and we don't have time to B.S. around in a time of war. Overall, this plan should lead to the unconditional surrender of all anti-American forces within a few weeks. They will apologize and ask for copies of the Bible and Constitution so they can read up on how to do it right.

I ask for no thanks for originating this battle plan, only to be interviewed by my personal hero Sean Hannity, who I hope won't mind that I got a haircut to look exactly like his.

If, however, you do not agree with my plan for freedom in Iraq, I'd like to take this opportunity to call your patriotism into question and challenge you to a Pledge of Allegiance reciting contest, the winner receiving a free tattoo of an American flag on their forehead.

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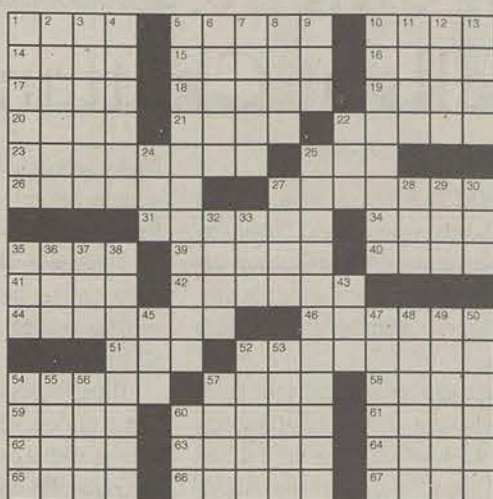
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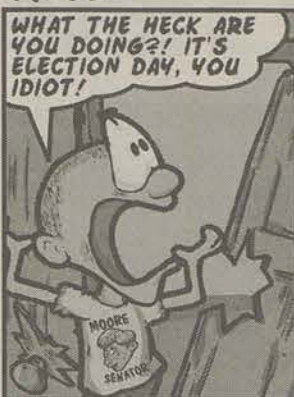
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Peace Girl



A lot of people have become pessimistic about ending the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

You can't really blame them: Every day seems to bring more violence!

Still, I have complete faith that there is an end in sight.

After all, scientists predict the sun will burn out in a mere five billion years.

by Martin Cizmar

20 Announcements

HAVING A meeting next week? Place an ad in the **George-Anne** to boost your attendance!
FASHION SHOW: DREAMSICLE, The Essence of Fashion Feb. 3, 2005, Union Ballroom 7:30 pm! Don't miss this one! Info: 912-871-7936.

THANK YOU for all who came out to Baja to support the Student Tsunami Project January 22, 2005.

PHI ETA SIGMA MEMBERS annual scholarship competition is under way. Please pick up an application at 1070 Carroll building. Application due by February 15.

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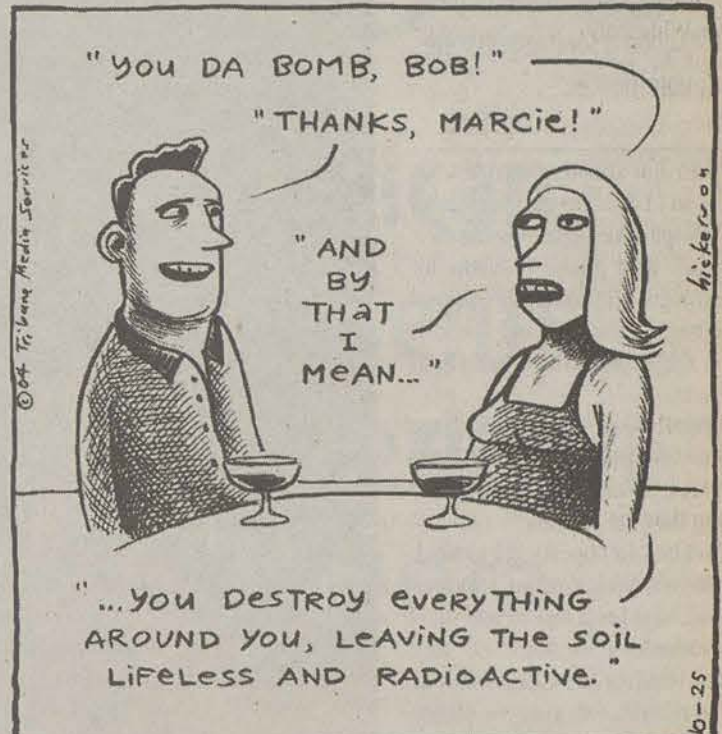
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Eagles roll past Savannah State

GSU Athletic Media Relations

SAVANNAH - Georgia Southern opened the game on a 13-0 run but a stretch of 17 unanswered near the end of the half put the game away as GSU defeated Savannah State 92-64 Monday night. The Eagles improved to 13-8 overall while keeping the Tigers winless for the season.

Louis Graham recorded his third double-double this season, and second against Savannah State, with 11 points and personal-high 13 rebounds.

Terry Williams and Elton Nesbitt opened the contest with consecutive three-pointers.

Savannah State finally scored 4:46 into the game and actually cut the deficit to 25-21 before the Eagles started to roll.

GSU scored 17 straight and ended the half on a 21-3 run, leading 46-24. The Eagles capitalized on 21 first-half fouls committed by SSU, making 19-of-23 free throws.

"I thought we played unselfish; it's good to see five guys score in double-figures."

-JEFF PRICE

Their hot shooting carried over, riding an 11-2 run to start the second half. Despite the Eagles missing their first two field goals, Williams hit two straight - including his second from beyond the arc - and Francois made three consecutive baskets in the paint.

Willie Dunn's interior basket gave Georgia Southern its biggest lead, 75-41. In fact, 10 different Eagles scored during the final 20 minutes.

"We had an opportunity to work on different things tonight. One area we wanted to focus on was rebounding, something we didn't do very well at (College of) Charleston but did so tonight. I thought we played unselfish; it's good to see five guys score in double-figures. We also had an opportunity to play a lot of young guys as well," said head coach Jeff Price. "I thought Louis (Graham) got off to a good start. We felt like he has been producing really well and deserved an opportunity to start, I thought he handled it well."

The Eagles shot 45 percent from the field and converted 25-of-38 free throws. Led by Graham's personal-best rebounding effort, GSU held a 17-10 edge on the offensive glass and 51-39 overall. Courtney Joseph grabbed all six of his rebounds in the second half.

Nesbitt's 19 points paced the Eagles



GSU freshman guard Jarek Swain scores against the Savannah State Tigers during the Eagles' victory on Jan. 19. The Eagles defeated the Tigers in both games this season.

and he dished out four assists. Francois finished with 16 points while Donte Gennie added 12.

Williams tallied 12 points, game-high seven assists and six rebounds. His three steals give him 202 all-time,

making the senior guard the only Eagle to record 1,000 points (1,128), 400 assists (411) and 200 steals.

Savannah State ended the night at 38% field goal shooting and 13-of-28 at the line, its exact free throw total as

the first meeting 12 days ago in Hanner Fieldhouse (a 79-53 loss).

The Eagles return to Southern Conference play this Saturday, hosting South Division rival Furman for a 3:30 p.m. tip-off.

Women's basketball falls at Chattanooga

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Brooke Hand scored a game-high 21 points on six three-pointers leading Chattanooga to an 82-46 win over Georgia Southern Monday evening at McKenzie Arena.

The game opened with four quick lead changes before Chattanooga (18-3, 13-1 SoCon) took the 8-5 lead at 16:32 on a Nicole Mattison jumper. GSU (10-10, 7-7 SoCon) answered back, tying the game at 11 on back-to-back Dana Benemon baskets. The Mocs retook the lead on a 15-4 run, sparked by back-to-back Brooke Hand treys. UTC increased their lead to as much as 14 at 36-22 before the Eagles went on a 9-2 run to end the half, as Tiffany Brown hit her third trey of the game with less than a second on the clock, cutting the half time deficit to 38-31.

Chattanooga opened up the second half on an 8-2 spurt on back-to-back Tiffany Patton buckets. GSU put together a 5-2 run cutting the deficit to 48-38 with 15:46 remaining in the game. After another quick basket by Fallon Lee, the Mocs went on a 31-8 run to close the game, holding the

Eagles scoreless for a spurt of seven minutes before two baskets by Lee and Benemon trimmed the margin to 22 at the 7:43 mark. The Eagles would not score another field goal in the game, as Chattanooga easily rolled to the 82-46 victory.

Three Eagles scored in double-figures in the loss, with Benemon leading the way with a career-tying 16 points and eight rebounds. Brown added 11 points, all coming in the first half, while Lee tallied 10. UTC's Hand led all scorers with 21 points, with Patton adding 12 and Roberson with 10. Chattanooga shot 54.5 percent from the field (30-of-55) while holding the Eagles to 31.0 percent (18-of-58). UTC out-rebounded the Eagles 42-30.

The Eagles return to Hanner Fieldhouse on Feb. 5 as they host UNC Greensboro at 1:00 p.m. The Mocs return to action on Feb. 5 when they host Western Carolina.

Lady Eagles

Next Game:

UNC Greensboro

When: Feb. 5, 1 p.m.

Where: Hanner Fieldhouse

Eagles draw Illinois-Chicago in ESPN Bracket Buster pool

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Following months of anticipation, Georgia Southern men's basketball found out their opponent for the 2005 ESPN Bracket Buster Pool. The Eagles will travel to Chicago, squaring off against Illinois-Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 19.

This non-conference game is granted to GSU for participating in the ESPN Bracket Buster pool. In all, 64 "Mid-Major" teams from 16 conferences are participating. Eleven of the 32 games will be televised on one of the ESPN networks as part of the Bracket Buster.

UIC owns a 96 RPI ranking and now has won six of nine games this season in the UIC Pavilion. Its non-conference strength of schedule ranks second among the 330 NCAA Division I teams.

The Flames qualified for the 2004 NCAA Tournament by winning the Horizon League Tournament. UIC has made the NAAs three times in the last eight years and improved to 10-9 overall following its 73-49 Horizon

victory at home against Butler. They opened the season with a 60-59 home loss to third-ranked Georgia Tech.

Cedrick Banks, a three-time All-Horizon League pick and this year's preseason 'Player of the Year', leads the scoring attack at 15.5 points in addition to 4.8 rebounds and 2.7 assists. Armond Williams grabs a team-leading 6.3 rebounds while averaging just under 11 points per game.

"We expected to play a quality team and we got one. They participated in the NCAA Tournament last year and returned four of their top players from last year," said Eagle head coach Jeff Price. "They have the second toughest non-conference schedule in the nation, losing by one point to Georgia Tech and led at Duke midway through the first half. Our fans will have the opportunity to see a very solid mid-major program like Illinois-Chicago back in Hanner Fieldhouse next season."

GSU (12-8 overall) travels to Savannah State tonight (Jan. 31) at 7 before hosting Southern Conference South Division rival Furman this Saturday with tip-off at 3:30 pm.

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