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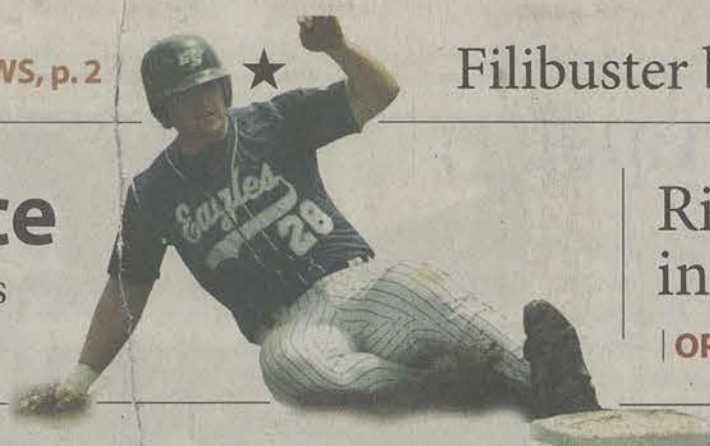


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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

## More concerns arise over bookstore hacking

By Casey Altman

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The ongoing investigation of a computer intrusion at Georgia Southern has identified additional students and University Store customers whose personal information may have been compromised.

An unauthorized party accessed a computer server containing social security numbers and credit card information for the University Store in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 23. It has not yet been

determined if any personal data was acquired by the intruder.

Amanda Davis, an art major, was not surprised by the incident.

"It was expected. People have that kind of technology, so that kind of thing is going to happen, but I think they [the university] gave us proper warning. If you check your email, you should know what to do," she said.

GSU's Office of Public Safety and Division of Information Technology Services are conducting an investigation of this incident with the assistance

of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The possible risks to the people whose information may have been accessed include identify theft and/or unauthorized credit card usage. The university wants to alert all of the people who may be affected. The following groups include all of the accounts that may have been accessed:

- GSU students who received bookstore credits through their financial aid package or scholarships (including

HOPE) from Fall 2002 through Spring 2005. This category has expanded in date range by one year.

- Anyone who made a purchase at the University Store with a credit card between July 1, 1996, and April 25, 2005. This advisory includes all purchases made at the on-campus location of the bookstore, online at [www.gsustore.com](http://www.gsustore.com), as well as those made at Eagle Club alumni events and football games. This category has expanded to include several ad-

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James Hall/STAFF

Anyone who has made a purchase with a credit card or financial aid at the GSU bookstore may be at risk for identity theft, say school officials.

## Georgia bases on BRAC list get visit

Retired Navy Admiral said it's too early to tell if bases will be closed

By Kristen Wyatt

Associated Press Writer

MARIETTA — Two of four Georgia bases tapped for closure by the Pentagon were visited Wednesday by a retired Navy admiral who will help decide their fate.

The Naval Air Station-Atlanta in Marietta and the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens are among four Georgia installations the Department of Defense said should be closed to make the military more efficient.

But before the closings are made final in November, the targeted bases get a visit from a member of the nine-person Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

Retired Admiral Harold Gehman stopped first at the Naval Air Station for a drive-around tour. Afterward he told reporters he asked questions about the base's mission. He said it was too early to say whether the Air Station was more or less likely to be closed after his visit.

"It's a great base," he said. "We need to go home and do a lot of homework."

Gehman said there's still plenty of time for a targeted base to be taken off the list. So far, only the Department of Defense has made its case, he said.

Gov. Sonny Perdue said he has plans to lobby for the state's bases were going ahead.

"Together, side-by-side with the communities that will be affected by potential base closures, we will make the case to keep all Georgia bases intact," Perdue said in a statement.

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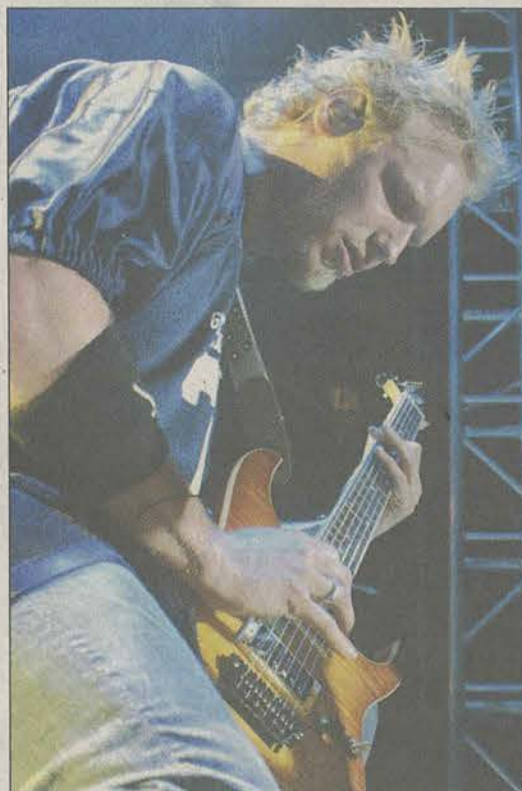
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## 3 DOORS DOWN



Lavene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

3 Doors Down bassist Todd Harrell rocks out with lead singer Brad Arnold during April's concert at Paulson Stadium.



Lavene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

3 Doors Down guitarist Matt Roberts, while wearing a GSU football jersey, performs April 28.

## Hefty crowd turns out for concert

By Chuck Thomas

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Rock fans poured into Statesboro when 3 Doors Down's latest tour came to Georgia Southern's Paulson Stadium on April 27.

The show was the first major concert the area has seen since Widespread Panic fans swarmed Statesboro in 1990. The 3 Doors Down concert was much more organized and contained than the aforementioned, and things went off without a hitch.

The night opened up with Silvertide, a retro rock band from Philadelphia. Having opened up for bands such as Aerosmith, the band was undaunted, and frontman Walt Laffy was all over (and over) the stage, hanging from the rafters attempting to work the growing crowd into a frenzy.

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## Summer enrollment nears 8,000 students

School officials say the numbers are good

By Rachel Weeks

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Campus walkways, parking lots and classrooms are more crowded than usual for this time of year as summer enrollment reached a record 7,832 students for Summer. Additional classes were added to accommodate the large number of students.

Dean of Students Georj Lewis said high summer enrollment is good for students and the growth of summer programs that are offered.

"Summer classes give students the opportunity to be involved year-round and stay on schedule to graduate in a reasonable amount of time," said Lewis.

Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said summer enrollment has continued to grow and set

records over the past three summers. The greatest increase in students is among freshmen and sophomores, but Thompson says the record summer enrollment is a result of steadily increasing enrollment over the past five years.

The large number of students who enrolled this summer led to changes in the number of classes offered. Lewis cited last year's efforts to fill faculty positions in practically all departments across the campus. "As we grow as a campus, the faculty must grow as well," he said.

Kim Maxwell, senior English major, noticed the difference in people around campus.

"My classes are a little bigger than any other classes I've taken during the summer, and it seems more crowded on the way to class," said Maxwell.



Katie Anderson/STAFF

Rachel Vickers takes information from Angela Hippias.

## Aid disbursement may be delayed for some students

By Casey Altman

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Students waiting to get their financial aid refund this summer might have a few delays in front of them.

Kimberly Payne, assistant director of financial aid, said that sometimes students forget that financial aid cannot pay out until after attendance verification. Students who take three hours in A Term and three hours in B Term may not receive loans or refund checks until all six hours have been verified.

"Many times the aid not paying out is a concern for students," said Payne. "They think their classes are going to get dropped, because their fees haven't been paid, but we have correspondence with the department of student fees, and they know who has financial aid and who doesn't."

Financial aid for the summer will

be distributed by Deal Hall's Department of Student Fees on Thursday, May 26.

Financial aid officials advise that students who want to know how much they will get on their refund check should check WINGS to see if they have been awarded financial aid for summer. The student should also check their on-line invoice to see what they owe for the summer. The difference between the award and the fees is what the student will be refunded.

Payne says the big question for most students is "When am I going to get my refund?" she said. "And for every student it is different."

"If you have a question about your aid, definitely stop by the office, and one of our counselors can clear things up; we're here for the students," said Payne.

# Summer safety tips

By Rachel Weeks  
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As summer warms up, safety becomes a major issue. Students have more time to enjoy the sun and warm weather with high-speed hobbies and strenuous physical activities. Many students are seriously injured during the summer months, ending their fun and sometimes affecting themselves and others for a lifetime. Setting limits and using common sense are good ways to prevent going too far and getting hurt or injuring others.

Recently, a 20-year-old Georgia Southern student lost his life in a 4-wheeler wreck. Several other students have been injured in recreational vehicle accidents. There are ways to prevent injuries while still having a good time.

Turner Oppy, a senior who has taken classes from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, encourages recreational vehicle safety. "With any kind of driving of any vehicle you have to stay within your limits," said Oppy. "Know your abilities and always wear safety gear, a helmet or whatever else

you may need."

Parts technician from Honda of Statesboro, Chris Huber, encourages riders to take the rider safety course offered upon purchase of any vehicle. He said, "Honda promotes a program called 'Stupid Hurts,' it's best to use common sense and always be safe."

Alcohol and drugs alter reaction times and judgment ability. Torrence Simmons, head of web and multimedia at the RAC encourages students to avoid driving under the influence. "Drink responsibly, don't drink and drive any sort of vehicle," said Simmons. "Also, don't try to drink and swim because a lot of drinking takes place poolside."

Often during the hottest part of the summer, heat stroke can affect people before they know it. Alahna Puryear, RAC Facility Supervisor gives some tips for staying safe and healthy through the summer heat. "Make sure you stay hydrated if you're outside for hours at a time, and wear light colored clothing," she said. "Always know your limits. If you go swimming, and you can't swim that well, don't go beyond your boundary."



James Hall/STAFF

The Health Center is ripped apart to install new ventilation, heating and air conditioning during the summer months. Staff and operations have temporarily moved across the street to Watson Hall until the renovation is completed. The project will be finished by August 1, when Housing & Residence Life will re-occupy Watson Hall.

## GSU Health Center gutted for renovation

By Alicia Howe  
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Health Services has temporarily changed locations from the Health Center on Forest Drive to the lobby of Watson Hall while the Health Center undergoes renovation of its heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

Health Services shut down during the week of May 10, while they moved equipment across the street to Watson Hall. They reopened on May 16. Renovations to the Health Center should be complete as early as July 25 and no later than August 1, 2005.

According to a university spokesman, "This will allow Housing & Residence Life to re-occupy Watson, and Health Services to move back and be fully operational in the Health Center building, for the 2005 Fall Semester."

Watson Hall is located on Forest Drive, directly across the street from the Health Center. According to Paul Ferguson, director of Health Services, students should enter Watson Hall through the entrance doors facing the Johnson Hall parking lot taking them into the Watson Lounge area.

The Health Center will still be open and available to students throughout the entire summer, offering the same services in a different location. Although Health Services is in a different building, they will still observe normal summer hours, 10 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Hardy Announced Dean

Compiled by staff

Georgia Southern Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Linda Bleicken has announced the appointment of Charles Hardy as dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies (COGS). Hardy has served as the interim dean of COGS for the past two years.



Dr. Charles Hardy

"Dr. Hardy has done an outstanding job while in the interim position," Bleicken said. "During this period, graduate enrollment has increased 28 percent, and numerous advances have been made in both the graduate and sponsored programs areas."

Prior to taking over as interim dean, Hardy served as the associate dean of the College of Health and

Human Sciences from 2000 to 2001 and chair of the Department of Health and Kinesiology from 1994 to 2001. Before joining GSU, Hardy was a tenured associate professor at the University of North Carolina.

Hardy received his Ph.D. in sports and social psychology from Louisiana State University and held a postdoctoral research project at the University of North Carolina.

Hardy is a fellow in the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sports Psychology and has held several leadership positions in that organization.

He has also been the editor of the Sport Psychologist's Digest of the Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology and the psychology section of the Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport. As dean of COGS, Hardy oversees 48 graduate programs which enroll more than 2,000 students at the master's, specialist and doctoral levels.

## HACKING, FROM PAGE 1

ditional years. Credit card transactions from Dec. 9, 1999 through April 25, 2005 contain cardholder name, credit card number and expiration date.

Anyone who made a purchase at the University Store with a check, Eaglexpress card (ID) or charge account at the on-campus location of the bookstore, online at [www.gsustore.com](http://www.gsustore.com), as well as those made at Eagle Club alumni events and football games between Oct. 1, 2001, and April 25, 2005. This advisory has been expanded to include individuals who wrote checks and used their Social Security number (in many cases this is the same number as their driver's license number) as an identifier, and/or any individual who used an Eaglexpress card and/or any individual who used a charge account for a University Store purchase. This is a newly identified group of individuals who could potentially be affected by the intrusion.

Anyone falling into any of these categories are encouraged to immediately place a fraud alert on your credit files by calling one of the three credit reporting companies: Equifax (800-525-6285), Experian (888-397-3742) or TransUnion (800-680-7289). Any one of these agencies will place a fraud alert on your credit files and share the information with the other two agencies. Free copies of your credit report can also be requested.

In addition, people who may have been affected should immediately contact the banks that issue their credit cards and inform them that their credit card numbers and expiration dates may have been compromised.

"I'm a little concerned," said Jessica Ehrlich, a general studies major. "If they [hackers] get my credit card information, that could really hurt me."

GSU officials have contacted MasterCard and Visa with updated information and will be making reasonable efforts to contact individuals whose social security numbers and credit card information may have been affected. The university's special Web page ([www.georgiasouthern.edu/fraudconcern](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/fraudconcern)) includes information for people who are concerned that their personal information may have been compromised.

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Up next was Breaking Benjamin, the hard-rocking quartet from Pennsylvania. Opening with "Natural Life" from 2002's *Saturate*, the band blasted through an hour set that included their recent hit "Sooner or Later" and "Polyamorous" off of *Saturate*, giving the 3 Doors Down headliners a run for their money.

In an exclusive interview with Georgia Southern student media before the show, Breaking Benjamin bassist Mark Klepaski said about the show:

"We're actually big Allman Brothers fans, so it's cool to be here. We're out with 3 Doors Down, they're Southern boys, so this is a big market for them. It's a pleasure to be here, beautiful college campus, beautiful looking people everywhere. We've been doing really good in rock radio, and we've been doing Godsmack tours and Korn tours, and kind of really cornering that style of music, and getting a solid fan base with the heavier music, but we also have a different side to our music, so it's nice to be a bit of a chameleon and tour with Godsmack and Korn then go out and do this 3 Doors Down tour and cover all bases."

The band closed with "So Cold,"

the surprise hit from 2004's *We Are Not Alone*, sending the anxious crowd into hysterics.

"...in pre-production, ('So Cold') didn't even exist," Klepaski continued in the interview. "Our producer was like, 'I'm going out to Wendy's to get something to eat, when I come back, you guys better have the last song for the record.' Just joking around. But that's what happened. When he left, we just started jamming on that, and it all came together. It was so unexpected."

The crowd sang along, with glowing cell phones raised, reminiscent of lighters from days of old. The sun descending as the band concluded, the stage was then prepared for the headliners.

The boys from Mississippi came on to an ecstatic crowd amidst a flurry of pyrotechnics. Starting out with "Right Where I Belong," the opening track to their new album *Seventeen Days*, the band streamed through a string of hits and lesser known songs from all three of their albums.

"We're going to play the songs we like to play," bassist Todd Harrell said in another exclusive interview before the show. "We're definitely going to

play the hits, people want to hear the hits. It's a good mixture between every record, little of this, little of the middle, little of the new. With this show, you kind of get it all, all the records in one night."

The set included hits "Kryptonite" and closing song "Loser" from *The Better Life*, plus "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You", both of which were on most played song lists for radio of 2003 and 2004.

After an hour and a half set that included a three-song encore, the band left to thunderous screams and plenty of pyrotechnics. Despite the enormous success, the band remains humble.

"They call us 'rock stars,' but I don't really like that name, cause we just out doing things we enjoy doing," Harrell said. "People's perception of what we do is crazy, and they think it's one thing, and a lot of times it is, and it is the coolest job in the world, but as far as being 'rock stars,' I think there are a lot of good guys in the industry that aren't rock stars. We're just a rock and roll band."

Despite not quite breaking even with ticket sales, GSU hopes to continue to bring big concerts into Statesboro for years to come.

## Tree falls across Sweetheart Circle



LaVene Bell-Koepke/STAFF

A Laurel Oak fell on Sweetheart Circle last Friday. A University spokesman said the tree was nearly 100 years old and may have been one of the original trees planted on Sweetheart Circle. The spokesman said the tree was partially diseased and may be a reason why the tree fell. No one was injured as the over 20 foot tree crashed to the ground, obstructing the walkway across the Circle.

# Only in America

## Students spread elephant dung around school

VESTAVIA HILLS — Police are looking for at least six Vestavia Hills High School students who sneaked into the school and spread elephant manure all around the auditorium as part of a graduation prank, Chief Butch Wilson said.

The May 17 act cost the school \$1,600 in cleanup fees and forced Principal Ann

Jones to move an awards ceremony from the auditorium to the school gymnasium.

"There was elephant manure on the walls, on the curtains, they had just slung it all over. It was on the cloth seats and on the stage," Jones said.

Hallway surveillance videotaped six masked students entering the school about 2:30 a.m. May 17 carrying plastic sacks.

## Half-ton man plans to lose 800 pounds

VALENTINE — Losing 500 pounds sounds like an awful lot. But Patrick Deuel isn't nearly done with his diet.

Last June, Deuel weighed more than half a ton. He's now gone from 1,000-plus pounds down to 530. His goal is to

get to 230. He had gastric bypass surgery, which his doctor says likely saved his life.

While the former Nebraska restaurant manager is watching what he eats, he's not ready to give up another bad habit. He's still smoking a pack a day.

Deuel says everybody tells him he should stop smoking. But he says he'll quit when he's good and ready.

## Drug deal goes on next to squad car

ELKHART — If you're going to sell dope, you might not want to do it next to a police car.

In Elkhart, Ind., police Corporal Mike Swygart says he couldn't believe it when someone told him a drug deal was going down right next to his patrol car. He was on a coffee break at the time.

Swygart says he laughed, but the man told him it was no joke. Swygart went back to his car, opened the passenger door and shouted, "Police, don't move!"

He says the suspects dropped two baggies of pot right on the front seat of his police car. Officers say they also found pills and drug paraphernalia on the suspects.

## Man steals \$120,000 quarter by quarter

MOUNT CLEMENS — A former parking meter attendant accused of stealing \$120,000 — quarter by quarter — has pleaded guilty to embezzlement and has promised

to pay most of it back.

Vincent J. Howard agreed in court Tuesday to repay \$70,000 within 30 days

and \$30,000 more over the two years that he will be on probation.

Macomb County Circuit Judge Richard Caretti also ordered the 50-year-old Howard to spend six months on an electronic tether.

Howard, who worked for the Detroit suburb of Mount Clemens for 23 years, was arrested last year after police raided his home and found thousands of dollars

in coins. They also found \$500 in Howard's car and \$2,000 in a city-owned car he used on his rounds.

## Suntan oil helps woman escape attacker

FOUNTAIN VALLEY — A woman who had slathered herself with suntan oil escaped an attacker in a park restroom in part because she was too slippery for him to grab, authorities said.

The woman, whose identity was not released, told authorities she had been jogging in Mile Square Regional Park on Sunday morning when another jogger began following her.

She ducked into a park restroom but when she emerged from a stall, he lunged from another stall and grabbed her arm, Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said Tuesday.

"She had a large amount of suntan oil on, which made her very slippery and hard to grasp," Amormino said.

The woman struggled with the man and ran away.

Authorities were looking for the attacker, who fled, but the woman was not able to give police a detailed description.

## Woman calls 911 with pizza complaint

CHARLOTTE — An 86-year-old woman was jailed after police said she called 911 dispatchers 20 times in a little more than a half-hour all to complain that a pizza parlor wouldn't deliver.

Dorothy Densmore was charged with misusing the 911 system, a jail spokeswoman said. She told dis-

patchers Sunday that a local pizza shop refused to deliver a pie to her south Charlotte apartment, said Officer Mandy Giannini. She also complained that someone at the shop called her a "crazy old coot," Giannini said.

Densmore wanted them arrested. Instead, police came to arrest her, and she resisted, Giannini said.

When an officer arrived at her apartment, the 5-foot-tall, 98-pound woman attacked him, Giannini said. Densmore scratched him, kicked and bit his hand, she said.

Densmore also is charged with resisting a public officer and two counts of misusing the 911 system, jail records show.

## Burt Reynolds slaps television producer

NEW YORK — Burt Reynolds apparently slapped a CBS-TV assistant producer in the face at a New York screening of his new film, "The Longest Yard."

The producer, who works for CBS News PATH, approached

Reynolds on the red carpet outside a Chelsea theater Tuesday night. When he asked Reynolds to tell him about the film, the actor seemed annoyed.

"You don't know anything about the movie?" Reynolds replied.

The producer acknowledged he hadn't seen the movie or the original 1974 film. Reynolds then seemed to slap the producer. "What ... kinda of guy are you?" he asked.

CBS aired footage of the incident on "The Early Show" Wednesday morning.

Jeff Lane, a spokesman for Reynolds, said in a statement that Reynolds "playfully tapped (the producer) on the cheek, as if to say, 'Well, that's not very nice.' He was kidding."

# National News Briefs

## Priscilla Owen confirmed as federal appeals judge after four-year battle

WASHINGTON — Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen won Senate confirmation as a federal appeals judge Wednesday after a ferocious four-year battle, a personal triumph that also marked a victory for President Bush in his drive to install conservatives on the nation's highest courts.

The 56-43 vote was largely along party lines, and made the 50-year-old jurist the first of Bush's long-blocked nominees to win approval under a newly minted agreement by Senate centrists meant to end years of partisan gridlock.

"We cannot stop with this single step," Majority Leader Bill Frist said in a written statement soon after the vote. The Tennessee Republican resurrected a threat to strip Democrats of their right to filibuster Bush's picks for the nation's highest courts if they violate the two-day-old accord.

"We must give fair up-or-down

votes to other previously blocked nominees. It is the only way to close this miserable and unprecedented chapter in Senate history," he said.

Democratic Leader Harry Reid said he was "ready to put all this behind us and move on."

"I would hope the president would move on," he added later at a news conference in which Democratic leaders urged renewed attention to the economy, health care, defense and other issues.

For his part, Frist told reporters he intended to seek votes early next month for Janice Rogers Brown and William Pryor, two other nominees long blocked by Democrats but now protected by Monday night's bipartisan agreement.

In addition, the Senate's top Republican said he would press for votes on the nominations of William Myers and Henry Saad — two of the president's

selections who were not guaranteed final votes in the centrists' deal.

Republican officials also said they expected Frist to push for votes on Brett Kavanaugh and William Haynes. Both are appeals court nominees strongly opposed by Democrats and have yet to clear the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Beyond that, there is a widespread expectation that one or more Supreme Court vacancies will occur in the coming months, any one of which has the potential to reignite partisan warfare over the future of the judiciary.

The final debate over Owen's nomination was utterly without suspense following Monday's 81-18 vote to advance her nomination to the brink of confirmation.

Owen was one of 10 first-term appeals court appointments made by Bush who were denied votes by Democratic filibusters.



Priscilla Owen won Senate confirmation as a federal appeals judge Wednesday, marking a victory for President Bush in his drive to install conservatives on the nation's highest courts.

## GOP says Bolton should be given U.N. post

WASHINGTON — Exhaustive investigations turned up nothing to disqualify John R. Bolton from becoming U.N. ambassador, and he should be quickly given the post, a top Republican said Wednesday as the Senate opened debate on the long-delayed nomination.

Democrats, however, signaled anew that they may still try to block the nomination, which has been the subject of weeks of wrangling over whether Bolton, an outspoken conservative, mistreated co-workers or took liberties with government intelligence.

## 'Runaway Bride' faces up to six years in jail

LAWRENCEVILLE — The bride-to-be who skipped town just days before her lavish wedding was indicted Wednesday on charges she told police a phony story about being kidnapped and sexually assaulted.

Jennifer Wilbanks, 32, was charged with making a false statement and making a false police report.

She could get up to six years behind bars and \$11,000 in fines if convicted.

## CIA overseeing Internet war game

WASHINGTON — The CIA is conducting a war game this week to simulate an unprecedented, Sept. 11-like electronic assault against the United States.

The three-day exercise, known as "Silent Horizon," is meant to test the ability of government and industry to respond to escalating Internet disruptions over many months, according to participants.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because the CIA asked them not to disclose details of the sensitive exercise taking place in Charlottesville, Va., about two hours southwest of Washington.

barring it from NBC shows to placate the Federal Communications Commission. The suit seeks a court order lifting the ban as well as unspecified damages.

Neil used the f-word during the live New Year's Eve broadcast as he yelled a greeting to bandmate Tommy Lee shortly after midnight.

Though carried live on the East Coast, the remark was excised in other time zones. Neil was unaware his statement was aired live, according to the lawsuit. The FCC said it received complaints about the broadcast.

The lawsuit accuses NBC of singling out the group, saying network officials stopped short of banning other artists

who swore on-air, including U2 frontman Bono, who used the same expletive at last year's Golden Globe Awards.

"This is about fair and equal treatment. We have a right to be treated in the same way as other artists who have made the same mistake," bassist Nikki Sixx said in a statement.

The network dismissed the lawsuit as meritless.

"To ensure compliance with its broadcast standards, NBC has the right to decide not to invite back guests who violate those standards and use an expletive during a live entertainment program," the company said in statement. "We will defend the case vigorously and we fully expect to prevail."

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## OUR VIEW

# Stem cell research can be a good thing

AT ISSUE: Are stem cells really 'human beings?'

Stem cell research has been a hot topic in Washington as proponents of the research have asked for federal funding.

But some conservatives in Congress, and George W. himself, are strongly opposed to the research that has shown some promise in helping find a cure for people with spinal chord injuries and Alzheimer's disease, among others.

These right-wingers who think stem cell research is bad are too worried about these bunches of cells as human beings to see that the benefits of the research are what may help bring medical science in the above mentioned areas into the 21st century.

Among right-wingers it's debatable whether these

minature cells are truly life. For reasonable people it's a grey area that we can't be completely sure of. But for sure, we know that young people with spinal cord injuries and elderly grandparents with Alzheimer's are definitely life — they are living a conscious life! They are a tangible existence no one can deny.

When stem cell research first came into the medical and political spectrums, much of the cells used in the testing came from aborted fetuses. As one might assume, this sent many Christians and conservatives into fits of terror.

But the new wave of stem cell research seeks to use cells from fertility clinics that couples decide not to use. If not used in research, these left over cells will

be trashed, and used for nothing at all.

So what's the big fuss? Many still believe that using the discarded cells from fertility clinics is bad. Logical thought should persuade one to support this practice. One good thing is that no babies die to obtain these cells. No abortion is conducted, period. Another plus is that instead of wasting the cells that a couple decides not to use, they are put to use for life-changing science.

Stem cell research has been blown out of proportion by people who can't think. Tests in rats have proven that these cells can cure spinal injuries, which is quite promising for humans.

The possibilities that can come from this research

are endless. Diseases we hardly know anything about could be cured, and people who are suffering and close to death may be promised new futures.

In our country are beliefs about what constitutes life and death are often fought along political lines. We can save the abortion debate for another article, the stem cell fight deals with helping the life that is already here.

In this debate politicians should think not of whether microscopic existence is really life. Instead, our leaders should talk with teens whose lives were forever changed from spinal cord injuries. Or they should visit with countless grandmothers whose memories were stolen by Alzheimer's.

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## Georgia residents face fewer freedoms

Governor Sonny Perdue ran for the gubernatorial seat in Georgia on the usual Republican platform of smaller government and less intrusion by the government in the lives of the citizens of Georgia. About two weeks ago, the same man signed into law two bills that specifically tell Georgia residents what they can or can't do.

The first of the two bills he signed is one that requires women seeking an abortion to wait 24 hours before receiving an abortion.



The 24-hour period is supposedly a time for women to re-think their decision and review information provided by a doctor about the age of the fetus, the pain the fetus may feel during the procedure, medical risks of the procedure and other alternatives to an abortion.

The enactment of this bill seems to undermine a woman's decision to have an abortion. No woman wants to have an abortion. The Christian and otherwise Nazi right make it seem that those choosing to have an abortion do so without any thought as to what repercussions may result.

I know women who have had abortions, and I understand the struggle they went through to decide whether or not to terminate their pregnancies; the decision is not easy. It requires emotional and physical strength, as well as courage.

Women who make the decision to end their pregnancies should not have to wait because some Christian lawmaker decided to push his agenda.

They should be presented with the facts, and continue with the procedure if they see fit, as they have already thought about the procedure enough.

The lawmakers of this state — and a Governor who vowed to stay out of our lives — have no right to tell a woman she has to wait to have an abortion.

The other bill that us Georgians have been slammed with is the statewide smoking ban. As of July 1, smoking will be prohibited in pretty much all public buildings — including restaurants and bars where minors under the age of 18 are permitted.

While I can understand people wanting to be able to

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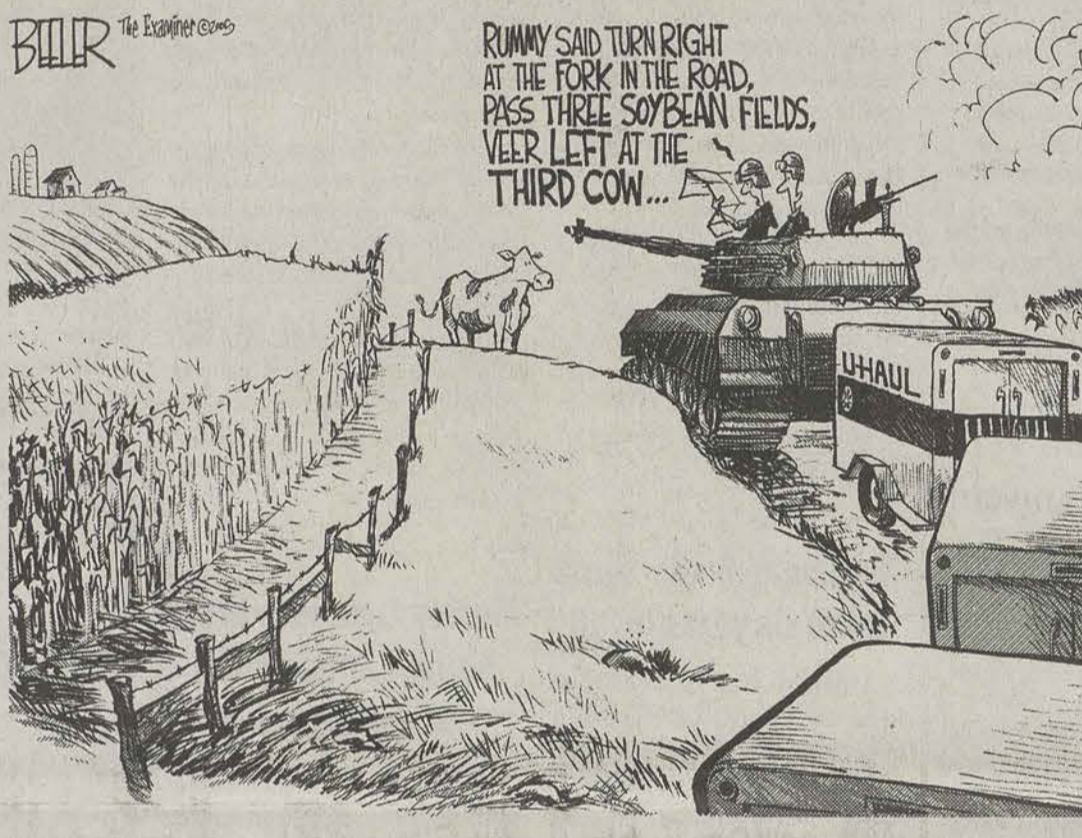
sit in a restaurant and eat without being bothered by cigarette smoke, I would much rather the smoke-free place be that way because the owner wanted it to be, not the state government.

This stuff scares me, and it should scare you too. I understand there are laws and rules that are necessary — such as not killing people and not drinking and driving — but I cannot understand the rules that invade the lives of everyday, ordinary people who just want to live their lives normally.

I understand the process behind the aforementioned laws, that the state legislature voted on and then sent them to Perdue. But he had all the power in the world to reject them and uphold his promise to the people of Georgia. I guess he's failed us once again.

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## Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

### The Philadelphia Inquirer on increasing efficiency:

Hummer salesmen often argue that if a consumer can afford the truck, the price of gas doesn't matter.

So why does General Motors plan to introduce the H3, a smaller, less expensive version of the original behemoth that will get 15 miles per gallon, instead of a meager 10? ...

The popularity of small trucks, minivans and sports utility vehicles has driven average new vehicle fuel economy to its lowest level in 20 years. Drivers were largely

'Americans' gas guzzling affects national security, as imports rise beyond 60 percent and more troops are deployed to guard volatile oil providing nations.'

oblivious until the recent gas-price spikes started pinching their pocketbooks. ...

Americans' gas guzzling affects national security, as imports rise beyond 60 percent and more troops are deployed to guard volatile oil providing nations. Poor energy habits contribute to economic instability as the U.S. trade imbalance worsens. ...

Last week, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee rejected a proposal to nudge America in a corrective direction by requiring SUVs to become as fuel-efficient as passenger cars. It would have increased the average fuel economy standard from 22.2 miles per gallon in 2007 to 27.5 by 2011 — a modest, achievable goal that wouldn't jeopardize size or safety of vehicles. ...

The United States needs small steps like these to change its destructive energy patterns.

### Naples (Fla.) Daily News on hurricane aid:

What sends citizens' blood pressure higher — confirmation that the Federal Emergency Management Administration wasted \$31 million on 2004 hurricane aid in unscathed parts of Florida, or officials' response?

Taxpayers and bona fide storm victims still hurting a year later were spluttering after congressional hearings this week. After stonewalling by FEMA to news media and government inquiries, an audit by the Office of Homeland Security put a firm figure on the Florida debacle. The audit said FEMA was too quick to give money first and ask questions later about receipts or

proof of property ownership in the Miami area — and three funerals — where Hurricane Frances felt like a thunderstorm.

FEMA chief Michael D. Brown's response was infuriating. He said he regretted the findings, blaming them on dishonest citizens, and said problems are not widespread in his agency.

Thirty-one million dollars down the drain is not widespread?

FEMA's Brown seems more concerned with his image rather than public service. As Sen. Collins sums it up, "I'm very concerned about the integrity of this program."

### The Hays (Kan.) Daily News on homeland security:

The federal government should allow local law enforcement to decide how best to use federal dollars. ... The singular-minded politicians and bureaucrats in Washington surely don't know what battles are being fought in the heartland.

One of them — a big one — is methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking. It is a far bigger problem than terrorism.

Yet the Bush administration wants to gut grants to fight meth in the interest of putting more money into homeland security. That is a big mistake. ...

The homeland security hysteria has Washington sending hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to every little rural western Kansas county, to be used for such items as protective equipment for hazardous and biological materials, materials to disarm explosives, surveillance supplies, barriers, sensors, video systems, medical supplies and incident response vehicles. ...

While a random terrorist bombing in a sleepy Midwestern community is not out of the realm of possibility, it is something of a fantasy. The scourge of meth, however, is, here and now, a real problem.

Deficit reduction and homeland defense both can be accomplished. Target homeland defense to the places that most are at risk. ...

**...methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking. It is a far bigger problem than terrorism.**

Editorial round-up provided by the Associated Press

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## Senators, did the dog eat your homework?

With a thick Scottish accent resembling Sean Connery, British Member of Parliament George Galloway appeared before the U.S. Senate subcommittee on homeland security and governmental affairs last Tuesday.

During the hearing, Galloway fervently denied receiving oil allocations intended for starving Iraqis under the Oil-for-food program. His Bond-like scolding of the subcommittee Senators was unexpected, unprecedented, and unnecessary.

Packing his characteristically malignant bravado, Galloway began an all-out assault on the entire subcommittee; in particular phlegmatic Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman.

But it was Galloway who was supposed to be experiencing a rebuking, not the United States Senate.

So what happened Mr. Senator? Was it foot-in-mouth disease or did the dog eat your homework?

The notion that Senator Coleman would call Galloway to Washington, garnish him with a long list of watertight charges, and then remain idle while this charlatan commenced a verbal tirade against the President, Congress, and countless other American institutions and persons is at best perplexing.

Senator Coleman was a highly respected district attorney in Minnesota and this was an open and shut case. It is baffling that he failed to produce any real evidence.

It was supposed to be duck soup but Senator Coleman came unprepared, and Galloway knew it.

"If you had any evidence that I had ever engaged in any actual oil transaction, if you had any evidence that anybody ever gave me any money, it would be before the public and before this (committee today)," Galloway said.

There is evidence though.

The 64-billion-dollar oil-for-food program ran from 1996 through 2003. It was a U.N. program designed to let the Iraqi government sell oil in exchange for humanitarian aid.

Saddam used the program to buy influence from favorable politicians by giving away options on barrels of Iraqi oil. The vouchers were then sold at below market prices to friends, who were in turn able to sell them to others at a profit.

Galloway was able to conduct the oil operations through an organization he founded called the Mariam Appeal. Galloway appointed Fawaz Zureikat as its chairman. Zureikat was later linked as a key player in the oil-for-food scandal.

The paper trail from Galloway to Zureikat to Saddam and Iraqi Oil is a long one. Galloway's best defense at a cover-up was to crusade against Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is the last person that should be accusing anyone of being involved in "a pack of lies."

Britain's most lurid opponent of the War in Iraq knew that the end of Saddam's regime would be the end of his blood money.

The bottom-line is this: Galloway is a thug.

He maliciously pocketed millions of dollars in humanitarian aid and feels no remorse. He brazenly came to Washington to mock those whom he had stolen from and to laugh in the face of anyone that tried to hold him accountable.

Galloway called Senator Coleman's bluff and won. Now Senator Coleman and the subcommittee have lost credibility on a significant issue.

America is under the strict gaze of a judgmental world. The last thing the government needs is an erosion of legitimacy.

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# SPORTS



## The 2005 Southern Conference Baseball Tournament

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
ETSU	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	9	3
GSU	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	X	7	17	1

W:Teaford (9-3) L:Hall (10-4)

# Stephens ties Tourney record as Eagles defeat ETSU



Eagle first baseman Greg Dowling slides safely into third base in this file photo from earlier in the season. Dowling was 1-4 with an RBI as GSU opened up the SOCON tournament with a 7-3 victory over ETSU. The Eagles will face the winner from the Western Carolina - Citadel game tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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CHARLESTON, S.C. - Brent Stephens tied a Southern Conference Tournament record hitting three doubles and Everett Teaford pitched eight strong innings, leading Georgia Southern to a 7-3 opening round win over East Tennessee State Wednesday at Riley Park.

The Eagles (36-20) will face the winner of third-seed Western Carolina and sixth-seed The Citadel today at 7:30 p.m.

Teaford, named First Team All-Southern Conference earlier in the day, worked around a leadoff error in the second to strike out the side, part of his nine on the day.

GSU struck first in the second inning. Brett Pelfrey lined a one-out single to left. With Pelfrey running on the pitch, Stephens ripped a double into the left field gap for an early 1-0 lead.

Shane Byrne hit a two-out triple to center in the third inning. Caleb Moore hit Teaford's next pitch over the left field scoreboard, spotting the Bucs a 2-1 lead.

Stephens hit his second double to start the fourth. David Richardson reached on an error then Brandon Ponder sacrificed to advance both runners. James Payne, also named First Team All-SoCon, lined a shot past first baseman Blake Church to tie the game.

Greg Dowling singled to start the next inning. With two outs, Stephens ripped a 3-2 pitch off the right field wall, his record-tying double and second RBI of the game. He became the fifth player in SoCon history to hit three doubles in a tournament game.

Payne and Logan Phillips hit back-to-back doubles to start the sixth. Jason Hurst dropped down a bunt single, which chased Jeremy Hall. Dowling grounded into a double play but Phillips was able to score on the play making it a 5-2 GSU lead.

The Bucs got one run back in the seventh. Anthony Russell walked on four pitches to start. With one out, two singles and an intentional walk brought home a run and loaded the bases.

Teaford struck clean-up hitter Church out looking then got Stephen Douglas swinging at strike three to end the threat.

According to head coach Rodney Hennon that proved to be a turning point.

"I thought that was a crucial part of the game. Everett struck out their clean-up hitter Church then got Douglas swinging. His performance gave us a big boost."

ETSU (31-21) had a runner on in the eighth with two outs. A walk to the number nine hitter brought Hennon out to talk with Teaford. A line drive to Payne in center ended the inning.

"I felt he was getting tired," said Hennon. "He said he had one more in him. Fortunately he was able to get one more."

GSU added two insurance runs in the eighth. Phillips walked again to start then Hurst lined a triple into the right field gap. Dowling sent a sacrifice fly to left, scoring Hurst.

Hall (10-4), the SoCon leader in wins, allowed five runs on 13 hits through five innings. He walked one and struck out two. Two of his four losses this year have come against GSU.

"Our team has the utmost respect for Jeremy Hall," said Hennon. "I thought it was very important to win that first game. You want to stay in that winners' bracket. You make it harder on yourself when you have to work your way back through."

Teaford improved to 9-3, allowing the three runs on eight hits. He walked three in addition to his nine strikeouts. David Cogswell worked around a leadoff hit to pitch a scoreless ninth.

Payne joined Stephens with three hits extending his hitting streak to 10 games, all multi-hits. Eight of the Eagle starters had a base hit. Richardson, the only starter held hitless, still managed to reach base three times. GSU held a 17-9 edge in hits.

Byrne led the Bucs with three hits while Chuck Hargis and Nick Crowe added two hits apiece. ETSU will play the loser of Western and The Citadel at 1 p.m.

# Four Eagle baseball players named All-SoCon

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Four Georgia Southern baseball players were named All-Southern Conference in a vote by the league's head coaches, announced by the league office Wednesday. The Eagles landed three on the First Team and another on the Second Team.

Sophomore pitcher Everett Teaford earned a spot on the First Team, along with senior outfielders James Payne and Jason Hurst. Senior third baseman Logan Phillips was tabbed Second Team and head coach Rodney Hennon finished as runner-up in the voting for 'Coach of the Year'.

Teaford, along with UNC Greensboro's Chris Mason, were selected as the top starting pitchers. The sophomore left-hander enters the Southern Conference

Tournament 8-3 with a 4.17 ERA. He struck out 106 in 105.2 innings, walking 31. Opponents hit just .257 off Teaford as he finished in a tie for second among the SoCon leaders in wins. In fact, Teaford finished third in the balloting for 'Pitcher of the Year'.

Thanks to his current nine-game multi hit streak, Payne jumped into a share of the team batting lead at a .407 clip - tied for fifth-best in the conference. He leads the SoCon stealing 36 bases in 44 attempts. A preseason Second Team pick this year, Payne scored 57 runs, knocked 10 doubles and been hit by a pitch 17 times which led the Eagles. His 90 hits are six shy of ninth place among the season 'Top 10'.

Hurst spent the entire year among the SoCon hitting leaders, ending the regular season at .405 and tied for the SoCon lead hitting 24 doubles. That .405

average stands as seventh-best in the league. He scored 46 runs and drove in a team-high 56. Another threat to steal, Hurst swiped 11 bases while walking 30 times.

Starting the year at second base, Phillips made the switch to third early on, flourishing not only there but also in the number two spot of the batting order. He posted a .905 fielding percentage while batting at a .365 clip. Phillips registered team-highs of 70 runs and 37 walks in addition to his 15 doubles and 10 home runs. He got hit by a pitch 14 times and stole 12 bases.

After leading his team to a second place finish in the league standings, coach Hennon and the Eagles enter the tournament 35-20 overall and 18-11 in the SoCon. For the fifth time in his six-year tenure, Hennon's team finished among the top two in the league.

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