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Progress visible in \$31.8 million RAC renovation

Construction on track for Dec. '06 completion

By Casey Altman • caltman5@georgiasouthern.edu

The plans have been drawn, and construction has begun on the new RAC Expansion. The approximately 120,000 square foot addition will include space for indoor courts, weight/fitness rooms, indoor pools, and outdoor upgrades as well, including sand volleyball courts, extended walking trails, and a covered performance stage with raised platform.

According to Director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals Gene Sherry, a large atrium area will be located just inside the entrance. It will include a snack bar, and the entrance to new administrative offices. The project will include four basketball courts, an indoor and outdoor pool, about 18,000 square feet of additional fitness space with new exercise machines, and a new Southern Adventures

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Burns aims to reclaim seat in Congress

Former congressman says redistricting may help him win back old seat

By Adam Crisp
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Former Georgia Southern professor and one-time congressman Max Burns has thrown his hat into politics again.

This time the Sylvania native is hoping to reclaim his seat in the House.

Burns says his chances are bolstered by a new congressional map, signed into law last month by Gov. Sonny Perdue, but pundits and opponents aren't so sure.

"This election is about the future generations that want to live, work, and raise a family here in East Georgia," said Burns in a statement. "If they are to succeed, they need a Representative who will take to Washington those common sense Georgia values that our parents instilled in us right here in the heart of this new district."

Under the plan signed by Perdue, Bulloch County lands squarely in a reconfigured version of the twelfth district which stretches from Augusta to Savannah and west to Bulloch and other small counties.

Currently, the district is represented by Rep. John Barrow (D-Athens), who was elected to his first term in November 2004.

Political watchers predict Barrow might face an uphill battle if he wants to hang onto his congressional seat, but that Burns is unlikely to be the man to unseat the freshman Democrat.

A hefty mix of black voters, along with carefully sculpted district lines makes the new twelfth a good spot for a black candidate to run and win, said Charles Bullock, a political science professor at the University of Georgia.

"This new twelfth is more heavily black than the previ-

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Max Burns



Rep. John Barrow

Tracking Trucks

Professor proposes national truck trafficking system

Special to the G-A

A small device the size of a TV remote control may become a key element in homeland security if an idea proposed by Georgia Southern professor Bob Cook is accepted.

Every day, millions of commercial trucks travel the nation's highways. Homeland security officials are looking for a system to keep track of this massive volume of traffic.

Cook is proposing a system that would incorporate cutting-edge radio frequency identification (RFID) devices, truck weigh-stations and law enforcement vehicles into a system to gather information for a proposed national truck-tracking center.

"The federal government is investigating a national truck tracking center for the purpose of homeland security," said Cook, a Yamacraw Professor of Computer Science at GSU. "We are investigating how to implement a less expensive truck tracking system and also to design a homeland security solution that will have added value to other people."

Cook's suggestion is to attach a small RFID unit with its own identification code to each truck and container. Every time a truck passes through a weigh-station, an electronic reader would sense the RFID devices and feed the truck and container's location into a national truck tracking computer system. The RFID devices measure only a few inches in size and cost less than \$15.

Cook also proposes to equip law enforcement vehicles with RFID sensors. The sensors would then collect truck-tracking information



Special photo

GSU professor Bob Cook has developed a device that tracks trucks. He says the device has law enforcement, business and homeland defense uses.

in the normal course of their patrols and transmit it back to a computer system.

"RFID is catching fire in the transportation industry," said Tom Armstrong, director of strategic development and information technology for the Georgia Ports Authority, which is working with Cook on the project.

"We at the Georgia Ports Authority are looking to the day when there is a national infrastructure in place, and even further down the road, an international infrastructure that can capitalize on RFID possibilities."

RFID is not new technology, but Cook's proposal is a new application. Armstrong compares it to the Internet.

"The discrete parts that make up the entire system are not new, but their integration into a cohesive system is what makes the Internet

such a spectacular event," he said. "As the technology matures and a national infrastructure is developed, the creative uses will grow."

Cook says his system has tremendous advantages over another proposal to equip all trucks with a combination cell phone and global positioning system device which would be programmed to make a call to report the truck's location every 15 minutes.

Cook assembled a prototype system and successfully tested it at a weigh-station on Interstate 16.

He worked with the Georgia Ports Authority, a trucking company and a major retail distributor.

"What we are proposing is something that can be implemented immediately, would meet the homeland security requirements and would also benefit the general public," said Cook.

Advisors say student loan consolidation a good idea

Graduates should lock in on current interest rates

By Casey Altman
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Federal Student Loan interest rates are the lowest in the 40-year history of the student loan program, but starting July 1 these rates will increase significantly.

The Stafford Loan (in-school) rate will increase to 4.70 percent. The Stafford Loan (repayment) rate will increase to 5.30 percent, and the PLUS Loan Rate will increase to 6.10 percent.

Students with loans may want to consolidate before the rates go into action, say experts.

"For students who have recently graduated it is an excellent time to consolidate and lock in current rates," said John King a professor of economics at Georgia Southern. "For those students still in school, you'll pay a little bit more, but it is still a reasonable rate to pay for your education."

According to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), students should be aware that by choosing to consolidate while in school, they will be entering repayment and will be foregoing their six-month grace period upon graduation on the loans they consolidate.

An in-school deferment will allow students to delay payment until they finish school.

"Basically you are reselling your loans to a different lender," said King. "You'll just pay one bill each month. For students that have the opportunity to consolidate, it is, perhaps, a good time to consolidate."

For more detailed information about Direct Loan Consolidation check www.dl.ed.gov/ and www.studentaid.org/.

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'Home Alone' star Macauley Culkin pled guilty to possession of Xanax and marijuana in court this past week. | **Only in America 3A**

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CAMPUS NEWS

Mooney Accounting Educator of the Year

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern accounting professor Lowell Mooney was named the 2005 Accounting Educator of the Year by the Education Foundation of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

In the remarks accompanying the award, Mooney was praised for his ability to provide excellence in the classroom while being exemplary in the related areas of research and service. He sets high standards for his students while inspiring and kindling in them a fondness for accounting.

Mooney joined GSU as an assistant professor in 1989. In 2001, he was promoted to full professor of accounting and director of the School of Accountancy in the College of Business Administration (COBA). Mooney received his bachelor of business administration, masters of accounting and Ph.D. in accounting, all from the University of Georgia.

Mooney has received numerous other honors at GSU, including the Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction; the NationsBank Faculty Development Award; the Outstanding Scholar of the Year; the COBA Martin Nesmith Award for Excellence in Contributions to Service; and the GSU Accounting Association Professor of the Year.



Dr. Lowell Mooney

Future Eagles attend SOAR

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It's summertime at Georgia Southern, which means many students have gone home, summer school is in session and the SOAR welcome program begins for new students.

SOAR — which stands for Southern Orientation, Advisement and Registration — is the two-day orientation that is required for all incoming freshman and new students. Although SOAR doesn't officially begin until June, it is an all-year effort to set up and prepare for the summer-long sessions. The Office of Orientation runs the program, as well as a carefully chosen group of students who apply for the positions as SOAR team leaders.

This year, the orientation staff expects 3,500 students to attend the SOAR program. These sessions are a time for new students to get acquainted

with the campus and ask any questions they may have about GSU.

They also have the option of attending "breakout sessions" throughout the day, that vary in topic from financial aid to Greek life. The two days are not all business, "First Night Out" takes place at the RAC the first night of orientation and includes volleyball, Bingo, karaoke, and free food for visitors.

"SOAR is a great opportunity for students and parents to feel a lot more informed, make connections and be more informed about services on campus," said Kellie Pickett, the coordinator of SOAR.

Pickett also said that the SOAR program is trying to enlighten the students about the academic aspects first and foremost.

The academic college session is a new feature to SOAR, which breaks the

students into their specific attended majors, so they can learn more about what classes they will take in all four years of school.

Students are not the only ones who may have questions during the SOAR program. Parents and guardians are encouraged to come along and get comfortable with the campus as well, but students are the main focus of the orientation program.

Megan Elise, a student who attended SOAR June 6-7 from Sharpsburg, Georgia, thought SOAR was a necessary experience. "The registration process and WINGS seminar were beneficial, but most of the things we were told were common knowledge," said Elise.

SOAR started June 6 and will conclude July 18 with a session for fall transfer and non-traditional students.



James Hall/STAFF

Parents listen in the Russell Union Commons Areas as a representative from the Parents Association gives them pointers about supporting student who will be attending Georgia Southern in the coming semester during this year's SOAR orientation.



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Over twenty children hike around the Lamar Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, looking for bugs to study during the Center for Wildlife Education's week-long Eco-Adventure camp.

Children explore Eco-Adventure Camp

By Rachel Weeks
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The Center for Wildlife Education at the Raptor Center hosted its first week of Eco-Adventure Summer Camps. The camp was designed for children ages 5 to 7 years old and offered arts and crafts, lunch, hands-on involvement with various animals and a t-shirt to help them remember their time at the Center.

The children start each day with fruit, snacks, arts and crafts and a short lesson about the animals they will be studying. Then they get to see the animals that they learned about in their natural habitats. The children study different categories of animals, from reptiles and amphibians to birds of prey.

According to Educational Coordinator at the Center, Tim Brewton,

the camps keep the children busy and thinking all day. "Each day focuses on a different group of animals through arts and crafts and hands-on experience. Monday we studied mammals, Tuesday is reptiles and amphibians, today we study bugs and insects and tomorrow birds. Friday brings it all back together. Each day is a full day of activities to keep them interested."

Most parents are pleased with their children's interest in the program. "He's had a great time, he just loves it," said Jessica Owens about her son. "When he comes home he's so excited. He told me about getting to hold a corn snake around his neck and yesterday he got to touch an alligator. He comes home very excited every day."

The children are left at the Center by their parents, but they are not overly affected by the separation. "They have

such child-centered activities that my son wakes up just raring to go," said Jill Williams. "They're very good at teaching which animals are dangerous to touch and which are not. They're very friendly and very patient. I have been very pleased with their professionalism and knowledge."

Koya Alford, student assistant at the Raptor Center is interested in becoming a high school teacher after college. She says the program has expanded this year to last all week and there are about 20 kids this year compared to last year's turnout of less than 10.

From June 13 to 17, the Center will offer an Eco-Adventure Camp for older children ages 8 to 10. Children can attend one day out of the week or the whole week. Call (912) 681-0831 to register.

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RAC EXPANSION, FROM THE FRONT

Center to check out and rent outdoor equipment like canoes, tents and sports equipment.

The main entrance will be moved, and the entrance tower will be completely glassed in to provide a view of the new climbing wall.

The project will also include an expansion and upgrade of the outdoor fields.

The club field closest to Old Register Road will remain open to students during and after the expansion, but the field closest to the RAC will be closed to provide space for the expansion. Club teams will be afforded a space

within the M.C. Anderson Park (Multiplex Fields) to practice during the time of the expansion and afterwards until the remodeling of the Multiplex fields, which includes new field space, is finished.

Some students are concerned about the cost of this expansion.

"I think it is a good idea, it'll be nice to have all the extra space," said Marquik Barnes, an accounting major, "but they are going to charge us money for it though."

"There wouldn't be people waiting around on the court to play, and there wouldn't be people in the weight room

waiting to lift weights," said Darius Trammell, a student worker at the RAC. "I think that students will get their money's worth."

The total project cost is \$31,860,000, and it will be paid by an increase in the student RAC fee that was approved last year by the Board of Regents.

The RAC fee for the 2005-2006 school year is \$128, an increase of \$43 from last year's fee of \$85, according to the Office of Student Fees.

For more information and projected illustrations check out the CRI website at <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cril/>.

DEGREE, FROM THE FRONT

GSU is currently on step one of a two-step process. The proposal under review is the preliminary proposal or letter of intent, which seeks permission to file the formal proposal.

Final approval or conclusive knowledge of the fate of the program here is hard to determine. The Georgia Board of Regents must approve the proposal before it can be implemented. "The finish line is hard to see," said Psychology Department Head Dr. Richard Rogers.

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Mother hires stripper for son

NASHVILLE — A mother faces criminal charges after she hired a stripper to dance at her 16-year-old son's birthday party.

Anette Pharris, 34, has been indicted by a grand jury on charges

of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and involving a minor in obscene acts. The boy's father, the stripper and two others also face charges.

About 10 people under the age of 18 were at the birthday party in September, including minors who were not related to the family, authorities said.

Anette Pharris took photos at the party and tried to have them developed at a nearby drug store. Drug store employees notified authorities, police said.

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Culkin faces drug charges — again

OKLAHOMA CITY — Actor Macaulay Culkin pleaded guilty Wednesday in Oklahoma City to two counts of drug possession in connection with a September arrest.

The actor was arrested Sept. 17 after Oklahoma City police pulled over a car on Interstate 44 in which he was a passenger. During a

search, officers found marijuana and Xanax pills in

bags that were found in the vehicle. Culkin, 24, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance. He received a one-year deferred sentence and was ordered to pay \$400 in court costs.

Oklahoma County Judge Russell Hall told Culkin that the conviction would be expunged from his record if he did not reoffend during the next year.

Chicken crosses road, gets ticket

RIDGECREST — A chicken that got a ticket for crossing the road has clawed his way out of it.

The \$54 citation for impeding traffic was dismissed Friday after Linc and Helena Moore's attorney argued that the fowl was domesticated and could not be charged as livestock.

State law restricts livestock on highways, but not domestic animals.

The chicken was ticketed March 26 for impeding traffic after it wandered onto a road in Johannesburg, a rural mining community southeast of Ridgecrest.

Suspect nabbed in police station

NEW YORK — A suspect in two taxicab robberies walked into a New York police station and failed to notice his picture in a "wanted" photo on the wall, giving cops an opportunity to make one of their easiest busts ever.

"You look at the photo, and it's

not that glaring that it is him," said Det. Sgt. Norman Horowitz of the New York

Police Department. But an alert detective noticed the resemblance and police arrested Awiey "Chucky" Hernandez, 20.

Hernandez and a companion had gone to the station on Tuesday to inquire about Huquan "Guns" Gavin, who had been arrested in another investigation, Horowitz said.

Hernandez and Gavin are being held pending action by a grand jury.

Pilots convicted of being drunk in cockpit

MIAMI, Fla. — Two former America West pilots were convicted Wednesday of being drunk in the cockpit after an all-night drinking binge at a sports bar.

They face a minimum of probation and a maximum of five years in prison after being found guilty of operating an aircraft while drunk.

Defendants Thomas Cloyd and Christopher Hughes both bowed their heads when the verdict was read after a two-week trial and jury deliberations over parts of two days. Each man hugged weeping loved ones before handcuffed and taken to jail.

Cloyd and Hughes were arrested July 1, 2002, as their Phoenix-bound jet was being pushed back from its gate at Miami International Airport.

Police ordered the plane to turn back and arrested the pilots after security screeners smelled a strong odor

of alcohol on Hughes, and Cloyd got in an argument over his attempts to bring aboard a cup of coffee.

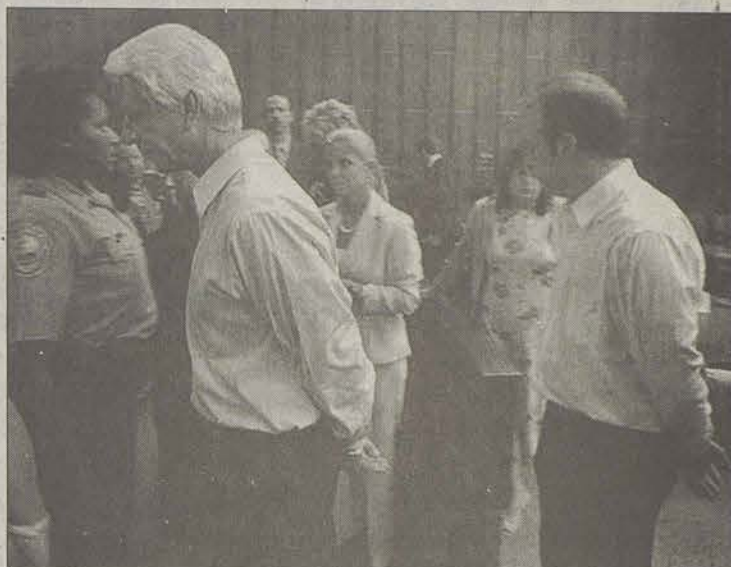
The pilots had 14 beers between them at a bar the night before the flight, closing out their \$122 tab at about 4:40 a.m. Hours later, they registered blood-alcohol levels above Florida's 0.08 legal limit.

The pilots maintained they were not operating the aircraft because it was being pushed by a runway tug and its steering was disengaged at the time it was ordered back to the terminal.

They were fired by America West after their arrests and lost their commercial pilot's licenses.

The pilots refused comment, as did their attorneys.

Judge David Young ordered both men held without bail and sentenced to July 20.



Former America West pilots Thomas Cloyd, left, and Christopher Hughes, are led out of the courtroom in handcuffs Wednesday, June 8, 2005, after they were convicted of operating an aircraft while drunk in the cockpit after an all-night drinking binge.

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Grand jury denies chicken-cruelty indictments

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — A grand jury has refused to indict former West Virginia chicken-plant workers who were caught on video kicking and stomping live birds, ending an 11-month crusade by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The undercover PETA investigator who videotaped alleged

mistreatment at a Pilgrim's Pride processing plant in Moorefield helped special prosecutor Ginny Conley make a two-hour presentation to a Hardy County grand jury on Tuesday.

PETA wanted felony animal cruelty indictments against four workers accused of ripping the birds apart, spitting tobacco juice

in their eyes and slamming them into a wall while they were still alive. But the 16-member panel failed to charge the unidentified workers.

Still, PETA considered the hearing a victory and praised Conley for "an excellent job" presenting the case.

"Chickens do better on scien-

tific cognition tests than do dogs or cats.

They have the same right not to be abused," said Bruce Friedrich, PETA director of vegan campaigns. "What was happening in this KFC-supplier slaughterhouse was shocking and abhorrent to all kind people, so we applaud Ms. Conley for taking the case to grand jury."

Army headed to recruiting shortfall

WASHINGTON — The Army appears likely to fall short of its full-year recruiting goal for the first time since 1999, raising longer-term questions about a military embroiled in its first protracted wars since switching from the draft to a volunteer force 32 years ago.

Many young people and their par-

ents have grown more wary of Army service because of the likelihood of being dispatched on combat tours, opinion polls show.

U.S. troops are dying at a rate of two a day in Iraq, more than two years after President Bush declared that major combat operations had ended.

Dean defends criticism of Rep. party

WASHINGTON — Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean on Wednesday defended his recent harsh criticism of Republicans, including his observation that they are "pretty much

a white, Christian party."

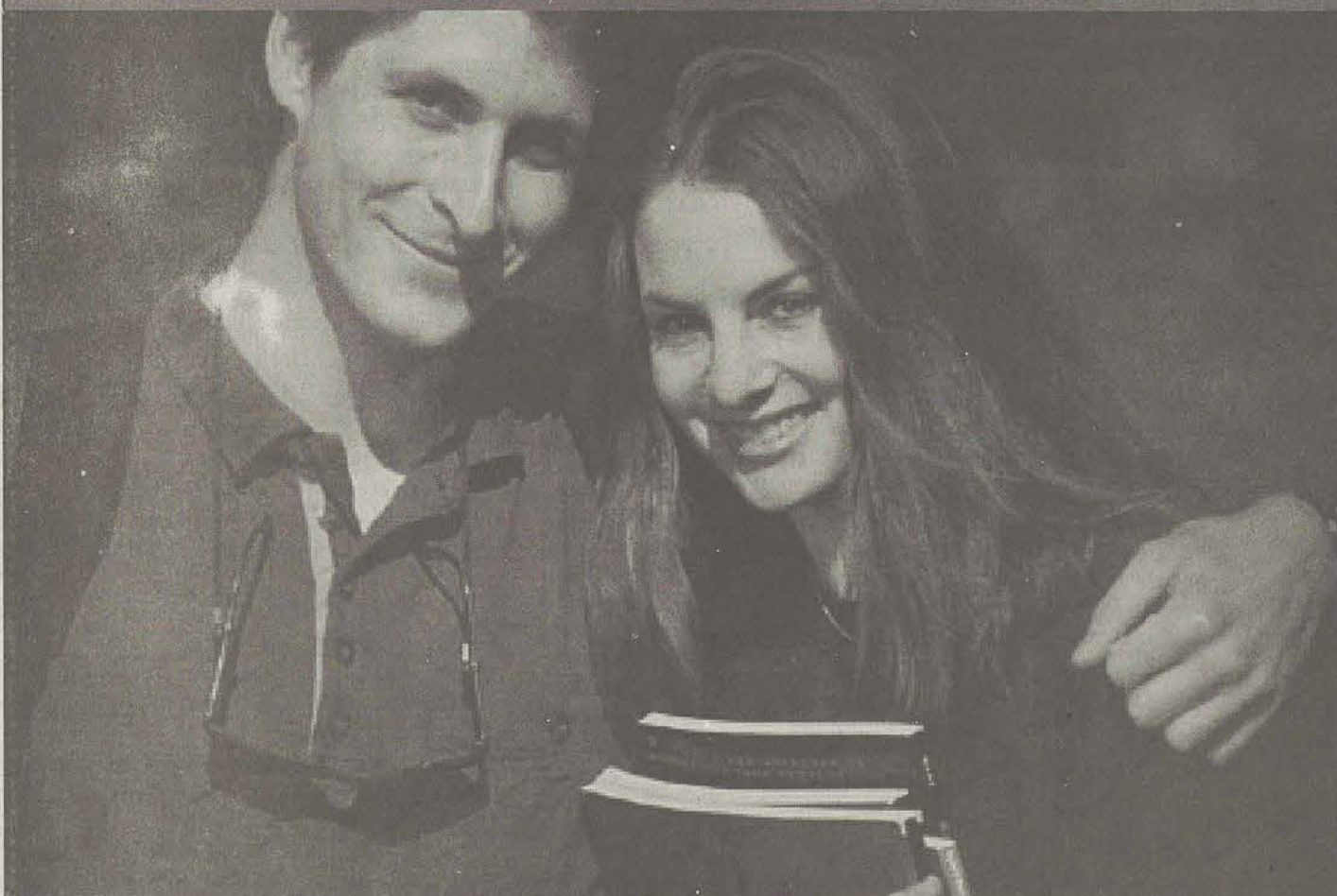
Dean noted that he, too, is a white Christian. But he said the GOP is too narrow in its scope and the Democratic Party is far more diverse.

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"If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work. 'Hellooo, can't work today, still queer'."

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OUR VIEW

Jackson verdict could mark new legacy for pop star

AT ISSUE: Jackson's 'celebrity trial' not beneficial to anyone

Did he fondle the boy or not? The question doesn't get much clearer than that.

Despite what seems to be a cut and dry case, Michael Jackson's child molestation trial has lingered in the courts under the bright media spotlight for 14 weeks, and for what?

Most child molestation cases last just a few days—a week at most. The accused is brought in, the charges re read, a few people testify, the jury renders their verdict and the next case is brought in.

While they may not last long, these court cases are taken seriously, and a convicted offender is prosecuted seriously — and quickly.

Michael Jackson's case has been all but serious or speedy.

Despite Jackson's constant shenanigans, from showing up late for court to wearing pajama pants, the case has seemingly been held up by Jackson's celebrity friends testifying that the family of the accuser are only gold-diggers, taking advantage of Jackson's fame and wealth.

But let's be serious for a second. Who cares if the accuser's family was after money? Why should it matter if the accuser was a poor, sick child?

If Jackson touched this boy inappropriately, none of the above things should matter.

Molesting a child is unacceptable, regardless of the nature of the situation. The financial status or the intentions of a family member should have no bearing on a molestation case.

Now, the wait is on. The jury started deliberating earlier this week and are believed to deliberate for at least a few more days, considering the amount information they were exposed to over the course of the trial.

While Jackson is ultimately facing a felony charge of child molestation, there is also the possibility that he could be charged with providing alcohol to a minor—which the accuser alleges he did—a

misdeemeanor charge.

Regardless of the outcome, this case is the classic example of celebrity privilege under the law: as long as you're rich and semi-famous, we'll give you a very long, drawn out trial, and make sure we let the jury know of the lesser charges that they could possibly choose.

Regardless of how this case turns out, Michael Jackson is a sick man.

While he may be remembered by some as the pop icon to ever live, his newest legacy as a sick, twisted human being may soon be all the people remember.

Adam Crisp SCENE AND HEARD

Supreme Court smokes our rights

I'm not a pot head. I don't smoke marijuana nor do I really want to.

I find the smell to be a sickening stench somewhere between body odor and hot garbage.



Adam Crisp is a junior journalism major from Glennville, Ga. He writes periodically. He's the managing editor for news of *The George-Anne*.

But I have to disagree with the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that bans medicinal marijuana.

The bigger issue not whether some old lady with Glaucoma can blaze up, but whether the Supreme Court must respect state's rights to set its own laws.

In the case of medicinal marijuana, several states have already passed laws that made the use of the drug for medical reasons legal.

California's medical marijuana law, passed by voters in 1996, allows people to grow, smoke or obtain marijuana for medical needs with a doctor's recommendation. Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington have laws similar to California's.

Notice that I said the bill passed by the voters in California.

Sure, we can all agree that California leans pretty heavily left, but you can't deny that it was the voters' choice to make the drug legal in certain circumstances.

While our courts have the right to strike down laws, they should respect the rights of our states to step away from the rule of the federal government in certain circumstances.

No matter the fight, all voters should note that our state governments know best.

While we don't always agree with the guys up under the gold dome in Atlanta — I know I sure don't — we have to respect that our legislative bodies are selected by the people, and therefore their decisions are valid.

And in the cases where the voters head to the polls, we should especially take extreme caution when a court overrides the will of an entire group of millions.

In this case, political watchers are seeing all sorts of strange bedfellows.

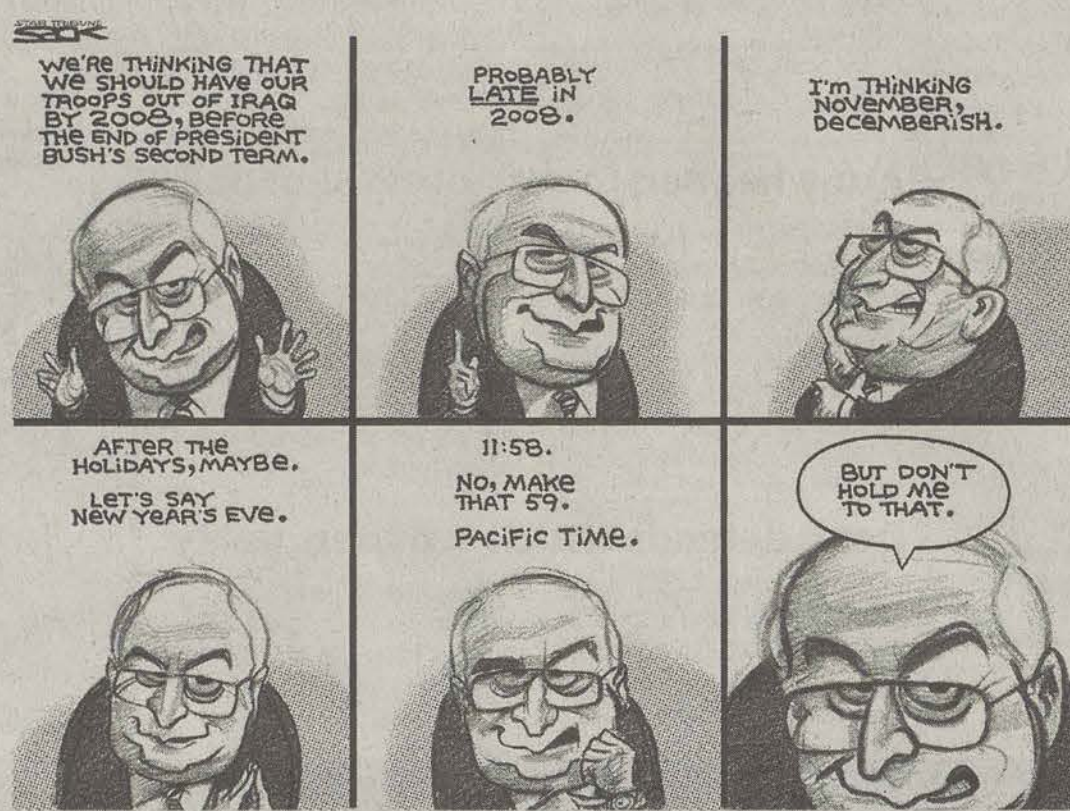
Some of the courts most conservative justices — Clarence Thomas among them — said the decision to make smoking pot for your health illegal was a poor move.

If you are a hard-core Republican, that you must be in favor of the 10th amendment, which governs state's rights. And if you believe state's should have the ability to govern at home, then you have to find the 6/3 decision in favor of federal authority over medicinal marijuana to be an abomination.

Here's what Justice Thomas wrote in his dissent:

"Respondents Diane Monson and Angel Raich use marijuana that has never been bought or sold, that has never crossed state lines, and that has had no demonstrable effect on the national market for marijuana. If Congress can regulate this under the Commerce Clause, then it can regulate virtually anything—and the Federal Government is no longer one of limited and enumerated powers."

It's funny that I find myself at all in agreement with someone like Clarence Thomas, and it's even more rare that I look for loop holes for people to smoke weed, but in this case I'm squarely on the side of the conservatives and yet, I haven't noticed and liberals who are happy with this week's decision either. Strange, eh?



Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

Herald-Journal(S.C.) on port security:

One of the most difficult security problems for the United States is the millions of cargo containers shipped to U.S. ports every year.

It would be almost impossible to inspect all of these containers for terrorist weapons, bombs or even a nuclear device.

Instead, U.S. Customs Service inspectors search a sampling of them.

Now, a congressional inquiry has shown that a Customs Service plan to make that task more efficient might have made security less efficient.

The problem is that the government has doled out this low-security status too often without ever verifying that these companies are using better security precautions.

The problem is that the government has doled out this low-security status too often without ever verifying that these companies are using better security precautions.

About 5,000 applications for the program have been accepted, but customs officials have verified only 597 companies.

And so, a program designed to increase security and safety at ports may in fact be undermining that security.

There are no easy answers to this problem, but Washington will have to do better than simply trusting those who say they will be careful.

San Diego Union-Tribune, on U.S. immigration policy:

Americans have a once-in-a-generation chance to fix U.S. immigration policy, which is beyond broken. Currently, there are nearly a dozen immigration-related bills in Congress, and it seems likely that elements of each will be blended into a single, massive piece of legislation.

Hopefully, amnesty won't be part of the final product. The country should not be in the business of excusing lawbreakers or doing for people what they should be doing for themselves — such as taking the necessary steps to become legal residents.

That is what renders totally unsound and unworkable bills such as the one proposed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., which provides a path to legalization for millions of illegal immigrants living in the United States.

In order for it to be worth the paper on which it is printed, any worthwhile immigration reform bill must have three essential components: a guest worker program that pairs willing employers and willing employees, a new and more punitive round of criminal penalties for employers that knowingly and defiantly hire illegal immigrants, and a tamper-proof identification card.

Without all three components — guest workers, employer sanctions and an identification card — immigration reform won't go anywhere. Things will continue on as they have for years, and Americans will have blown a historic opportunity to ensure otherwise.

The Repository (Ohio) on female soldiers:

The U.S. House of representatives smartly rejected an effort last week by Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., to restrict the U.S. military's abilities to use female soldiers.

Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, wanted to restrict the military from assigning women to any new ground combat-related jobs. Democrats and Republicans both put pressure on him to back down. So did the nation's military leaders.

The U.S. military is stretched thin in fighting the war in Iraq and keeping other commitments around the world. It is not a good idea to impose more unnecessary restrictions on the options that military leaders have.

Morgan Marsh MAKING A POINT

Nothing too traditional about the 'traditional amendment'

Last week's issue of *The George-Anne* included a column by Todd Neufeld that really got under my skin.

Todd begins his article by saying America is "under attack" by immigrants, that they are purposely using our constitution against us. First of all, Americans wrote the United States constitution.



Morgan Marsh is a junior journalism major from Savannah, Ga. She is the managing editor of operations for *The George-Anne*.

If Americans don't like the way immigrants are using it, they should consider changing it. I fail to see how passing a "traditional amendment" is any kind of a solution to the number of immigrants coming into the U.S. and how they may be affecting our country, as Todd claims.

He believes this amendment would help protect the pledge of allegiance and Christmas pageants, among other things.

But yet again, I don't see any kind of a connection between immigrants coming to America and needing to protect prayer before sporting

events.

Todd also blames some of our leaders for allowing immigrants to come to America, driving down wages and free trade.

True, population growth is a problem that desperately needs to be addressed.

But the solution isn't some backward "traditional amendment." Todd should have addressed the number of immigrants allowed into the U.S., or ways to keep illegal immigrants out of the country, instead of looking for ways to save Christmas pageants.

Todd's statement that our leaders have "conveniently forgotten all the wars we've fought to maintain our way of life" disappointed me the most.

Todd has conveniently forgotten the first war we ever fought to begin this way of life in America, and what we traditionally stood for. Immigration was one.

We are a country built by and for immigrants. Todd himself can trace his ancestry back to somewhere else in the world. The only true natives were almost completely wiped out long ago.

As far as American "traditions" go, they have completely changed over time. I highly doubt anyone wants to return to the time when "witches" were burned at stakes, or when African Americans weren't even allowed into the local restaurant or library.

Times change, and very often for the better.

I can see Todd's problem with illegal immigration, but legal immigrants are hardly a threat to the typical American.

Most Americans wouldn't even consider doing the jobs immigrants often take willingly.

We tend to hold onto this belief that we are all too good for certain jobs, such as trash pick-up, construction, or lawn services.

Who are we to complain then, when immigrants are willing to move here to do the jobs Americans feel we're too good for?

Todd is convinced that his "traditional amendment" proposition would be supported by at least 70 percent of the population. I highly disagree with this idea.

I truly believe the American people have enough sense to realize that the problem is not nearly as serious as Todd makes it out to be. Our country needs to stop focusing so much on irrelevant "traditional" issues and start focusing on the real issues at hand.

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Today is Thursday, June 9, the 160th day of 2005.

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Today's Highlight in History: On June 9, A.D. 68, the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide.

On This Date:

- In 1870, author Charles Dickens died in Godshill, England.
- In 1940, Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II.
- In 1954, during the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch asked Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"
- In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren

Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.
-In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes.
-In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.
-In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home when a mixture of "free-base" cocaine exploded.
-Five years ago: The Justice Department released a report saying an 18-month in-

vestigation had found no credible evidence that conspirators aided or framed James Earl Ray in the 1968 assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Painter Jacob Lawrence died in Seattle at age 82. Sculptor George Segal died at his New Jersey home at age 75.
-One year ago: The body of Ronald Reagan arrived in Washington to lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before the 40th president's funeral.

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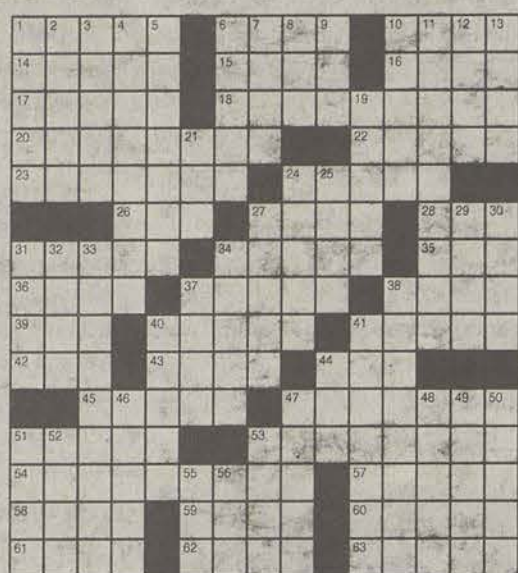
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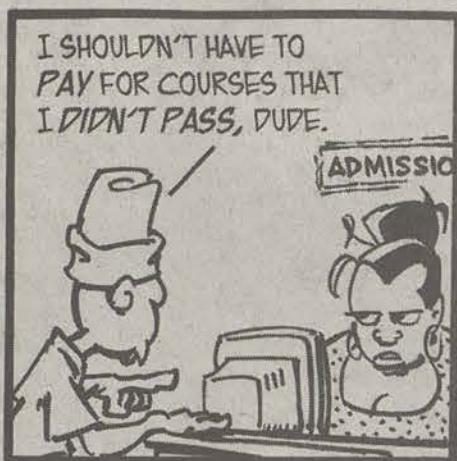
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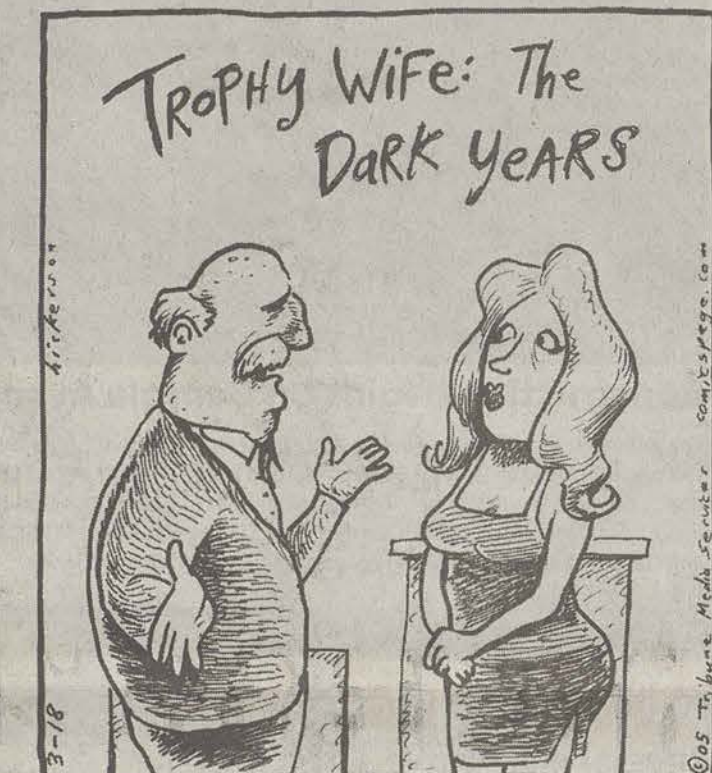
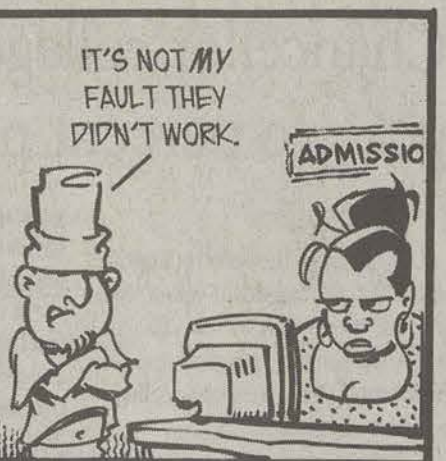
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SPORTS



BRAVES SIGN FIRST FIVE DRAFT PICKS

The Atlanta Braves signed first-round draft pick Joey Devine, a relief pitcher from North Carolina State, and six other draft selections Wednesday. The team announced it also has signed Beau Jones, a pitcher who had signed with Louisiana State; infielder Yunel Escobar, a Cuban defector; pitcher Jeffrey Lyman, who had signed with Arizona State and third-round pick Jordan Shafer, an outfielder from Haines City, Fla.

Wipke Drafted by Angels



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

GSU senior catcher Flint Wipke catches during the April 18 game vs. Elon. Wipke, drafted yesterday by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, posted a .310 batting avg. with 13 homeruns and 54 RBI while playing in 55 of 58 games this season.

GSU's catcher goes in 38th round to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

GSU Athletics Media Relations

STATESBORO – Georgia Southern University's Flint Wipke was selected in day two of the Major League Baseball draft. The Eagles' starting catcher went in the 38th round to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim as the 1,153 overall pick.

Wipke started in 55 of his 58 appearances this season. He batted .310 while tying for the team lead with 13 home runs. Those homers also tied him for third-most in the Southern Conference.

In addition Wipke recorded 14 doubles, team-high four triples and drew 11 walks. He scored 41 runs and drove in 54. Defensively Wipke posted .986 fielding and .596 slugging percentages. The senior catcher stole

7-of-10 bases.

He helped the Eagles to a 38-22 overall record, 18-11 in SoCon play. Georgia Southern was runner-up in both the SoCon regular season and tournament.

"We're very happy for Flint and his opportunity with the Angels. He's worked very hard and earned the right to play at the next level. We wish him all the best. Without question he'll be a great ambassador of Georgia Southern at the next level," said Georgia Southern head coach Rodney Hennon. "Defensively I don't think we saw a better catcher all year. He's not only a quality player but a quality person. He graduated last month and was named Second Team Academic All-District."

Eagles Finish 13th at the NCAA Golf Championship

School says the showing was the best in nearly twenty-five years

GSU Athletics Media Relations

BALTIMORE, Md. – Georgia Southern shot a final round 10-over par 290 in the final round of the 2005 NCAA National Championship played at Caves Valley Golf Course. The Eagles finished in a tie for 13th overall, the highest team finish since the 1980 squad was seventh.

The Eagles tied with Georgia State for 13th, nine strokes back of a Top 10 finish.

"We had a couple of double-bogeys down the stretch that might have cost up a couple of spots. There were too many big numbers, once you give up strokes it's hard to get them back," said head coach Larry Mays. "Overall I thought we played solid today and played well all week. We played right up to the last day in college golf, that's what you look for each year."

"Our guys competed well. We ended up beating the number one team in the country who was the favorite heading into the national championship (Oklahoma State)," stated Mays. "There are a lot of teams wanting to be where we are at right now."

Led by Aron Price, the Eagles finished +53 (1,173) for the tourna-

ment. Price finished tied for seventh individually with a 2-over 72 today, 3-over (283) throughout the championship. Price was a finalist for the Ben Hogan Award.

"I'm proud of the way Aron played. He capped a great career at Georgia Southern by finishing among the 'Top 10' in the nation today," said Mays.

Bryan Jones led the Eagles during the final round, shooting an even-par 70. He made up for a double-bogey on hole 13 by carding four birdies. He finished 20-over for the championship.

David Palm was 4-over on the final round and 10-over for the championship. He tied for 27th among the individual leaders. Palm, who had back-to-back birdies on 15 and 16, was 1-under on the back nine. A double-bogey on his final hole dropped him two strokes back.

Jon David Kennedy shot his tournament-low 4-over on Saturday, finishing 25-over. He had one double-bogey early in the round but rebounded to record 13 pars and a birdie.

Kurt Watkins ended today 6-over and was 29-over for the championship. He had a birdie and 10 pars.

Price Named to PING First Team All-America Squad

GSU Athletics Media Relations

BALTIMORE, Md. – The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) named Aron Price to its PING First Team All-America team this weekend. Price's award marks the first time since 1981 that a golfer from Georgia Southern has received first team accolades. Jodie Mudd, a former PGA golfer, and Jimmy Ellis are the only other Eagle golfers to earn first team plaudits.

Price ended his career at Georgia Southern over the weekend at the NCAA Championships, where he finished tied for seventh with a 3-over 283 for the tournament. He has made his mark in the Georgia Southern record books—and the rest of the nation has noticed.

"This is obviously a great accomplishment for Aron," said head golf coach Larry Mays. "This is a very elite group, basically the top 10 golfers in the nation. He is the first person named

first team since Jodie (Mudd), and he (Jodie) was one of the top collegiate golfers when he won, so this speaks very highly of Aron."

Price has had a very successful senior year, winning four tournaments (seven overall), coming one shy of the school record. He led the Eagles and the Southern Conference with his 70.9 stroke average, setting a new school record. His 72.1 career stroke average is second best in school history.



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Aron Price

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