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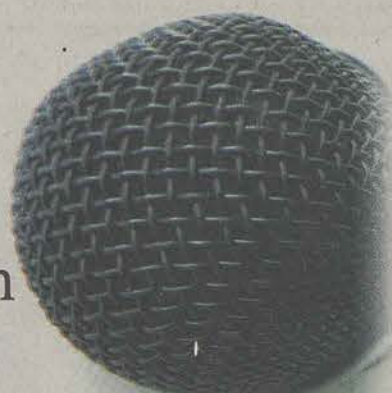


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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005

Liquor law vote set for Tuesday

Large crowd, protest expected

From staff reports

The fate of happy hour specials and all-you-can-drink parties will be decided Tuesday night as the Statesboro City Council will hold discussion and a possible vote on amendments to the city's alcohol ordinances.

The meeting, which starts at 6 p.m., will open with a public forum on the nearly 20 proposed changes.

The urge to make changes to the ordinance came nearly a month ago after Georgia Southern professor Laura Milner addressed the council on behalf of a group of concerned members of the GSU and Statesboro communities. Milner, who says there is no official group of people pushing for the changes, spoke to the council about underage and binge drinking, as well as other unsafe drinking practices, at Statesboro bars.

The Woodin Nickel, which is owned by Councilman Will Britt, has been targeted in much of the discussion because of its controversial Ladies' Lock-up, a weekly event that allows women only to the bar for a certain period of time to enjoy free drinks.

According to Sam Brannen, the city's attorney, Britt will be unable to discuss or vote on the issue since he stands to gain or suffer financially in regard to the ordinance changes.

Groups on campus have come out on both sides of the issue regarding the alcohol ordinance changes and are encouraging students to attend Tuesday's meeting. Many are advertising concerned students to show up at 5 p.m. — an hour before the meeting begins — to ensure a chance to be in the meeting room.



Will Britt

THE MEETING

Who: The Statesboro City Council

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Statesboro City Hall, 50 E. Main Street.

Why is it important: Councilmen are set to vote in a new liquor ordinance that may effectively end happy hours and other drink specials.

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No one on ballot

No one has signed up for elections in the tiny town of Oakley, Ohio. If no one runs, the council will have to appoint someone to fill the two vacancies | **OIA, p. 5**

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Ciara to headline concert

Nov. 18 concert at Paulson to feature Ciara, Bobby Valentino

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

It's not the same as Kanye West, but it's a good replacement, say students.

School officials confirmed Friday Ciara and Bobby Valentino have

signed a contract to perform at Paulson Stadium Friday, Nov. 18.

Word of this performance comes about two weeks after the university announced Grammy winner Kanye West wouldn't perform here.

The concert is being sponsored by the university. Tickets prices will be

\$25 for students and \$35 for everyone else. Member's of Eagle Entertainment helped select the replacement performers.

"Georgia Southern really stepped up in getting an act that will be successful with all students," said Shadonna Lamar, a member of Eagle Entertainment's team. "The concert will still be a success."

"They are up-and-coming artists who are making it. Kanye already made it — there's no doubt about that."

But (these performers) will still cater to the students."

An R&B singer out of Atlanta, Ciara debuted in 2004, with a popular single in which she teamed with Lil Jon and Petey Pablo for "Goodies." The song raced up the charts, setting the stage for her debut album by the same name. She has since scored hits with "1, 2 Step" and "Lose Control," which she teamed with Missy Elliott.

Also an Atlanta resident, Bobby

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Ciara Williams

Associated Press



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Members of the GSU College Republicans are selling T-shirts that poke fun at Kanye West's Sept. 2 criticism of President Bush.

Offensive or free speech?

Some say Kanye West T-shirts are in poor taste

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

Georgia Southern College Republicans are taking aim at Grammy winner Kanye West and his controversial criticism of President George W. Bush.

The group is selling T-shirts that shoot back at the hip-hop artist with the phrase "Kanye West doesn't care about white people..." The shirts are for sale for \$10.

The GSU Republicans printed the shirts in response to West's scathing critique of Bush during an off-script statement at a Sept. 2 Hurricane Katrina telethon, in which West declared "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

"We heard what Kanye said about the president," said Kristian McPeak, the chairman of the GSU Republicans. "And you know what, if Kanye can say whatever he wants, so can we."

The shirts are earning the

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Kristian McPeak
GSU Republican chairman

group criticism from those who say the shirts go beyond free speech.

"It's disheartening for a student organization to print shirts just to offend," said Charisse Perkins, a former SGA president. "There is no other reason to do it. It's offensive."

McPeak said the shirts were meant mostly as joke, but that freedom of expression was at the heart of their decision.

"We thought the shirts were funny," said McPeak. "We printed 50. They are pretty much for our members, but if we have some left over we are willing to sell them to whomever."

West was slated to perform at GSU Nov. 19, but cancelled his plans shortly after signing the contract. School officials said

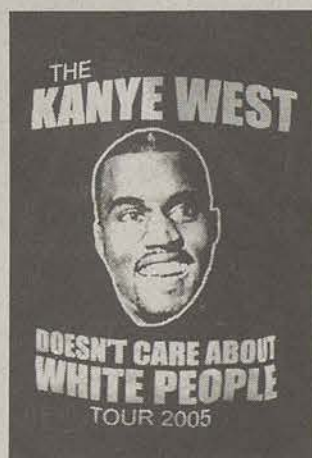
West's management didn't want to perform outdoors.

McPeak said he placed the order for the shirts shortly after it was announced that West would not perform here.

"We wanted to do it (when it was announced that West would come to GSU), but after he cancelled we realized we had a unique opportunity," said McPeak. "We figured it might go off even better now."

Perkins, who said she hadn't yet seen the shirts, said it could only serve to stir negative feelings.

"I think it's unnecessary and uncalled for, but people can do what they want," said Perkins. "Some people need to express their other Constitutional rights — plead the fifth and shut up."



While Perkins took a combative stance on the shirts, Sean Bethune, president of the Black Student Alliance, was more diplomatic.

"We all have a right to free speech," said Bethune. "What Kanye West said was not a reflection of how all black people feel, but it was a reflection of his experiences and his opinion... Since this is an institution of higher learning, we should all be able

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House calls get Regents award

State recognizes GSU for freshman visitation program

GSU News Service

For the third year in a row, Georgia Southern has been honored with a "Best Practices" award from the University System of Georgia (USG).

The House Calls program welcomes residence hall students to GSU's campus and community and received second place in the student affairs category of the annual "Best Practices" competition, which recognizes new initiatives that maximize the use of USG resources.

Instituted by University Housing at GSU, "House Calls" features teams of administrators and faculty and staff volunteers who visit students in their residence hall rooms at the beginning of the Fall semester.

The volunteers address any questions or concerns the students might have, and they leave a packet that includes study tips and other pertinent information.

Thirty-two volunteers reached approximately 1,200 students during the inaugural "House Calls" in August 2004.

"Research indicates that developing a relationship with a faculty or staff member can have a significant impact on students and increase retention," said Allison Williams Scott, the interim academic enhancement coordinator in University Housing. "Consequently, this program is a valuable asset to the GSU campus and our goal of being a student-centered institution."

The "Best Practices" competition, which began in 2003, is divided into four categories: academic affairs, finance and business, student affairs, and information technology. This year's competition drew 84 submissions from 20 institutions.

Senior USG administrators evaluated and scored the submissions in a number of areas, including their impact on operations; the benefits provided to students, faculty, staff or others; and the effectiveness or efficiency.

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ON THE STREET

What do you think about Ciara at GSU?

Ciara and Bobby Valentino to perform at Paulson Stadium Nov. 18.

I really don't like Ciara, but I guess some people will enjoy it.



Cedriz Morris,
Freshman

I don't know who Bobby Valentino is, but I know who Ciara is and I think it'll be a good show.



Kim Bonner,
Sophomore

Yeah, I'll go. I enjoy Ciara, but she's not my favorite. I'll just go to be going.



Megan Malone,
Freshman

I'd rather go to see Ciara over Kanye West anyway; West has too big of a head. I think there will be a good crowd.

Dominique Young
Freshman

I know who they are, and I don't know about their music, so I probably won't go.



Michael O'Loughlin
Freshman

■ HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE

Students are chosen for the 'On the Street' feature at random by staffers. If you have a question you'd like us to ask your fellow students, please e-mail it to our managing editor at gamed@georgiasouthern.edu.

GSU Idol hits the stage tonight



Felicia Emanuel/File Photo

Trent Herring won last year's GSU Idol competition singing "I believe."

By Jerriod Grizzle
Staff writer

Homecoming starts off in harmony as the 4th annual Georgia Southern Idol competition begins tonight.

This year's GSU Idol contestants will have to perform music selections in categories ranging from top 40 to oldies but goodies, leading up to the final round where contestants will have to perform "I Need an Angel" by Ruben Studdard.

The first round will give 12 competitors the opportunity to perform selections from the top 40 category.

The second round will narrow the field to six contestants who will sing selections from the "oldies but goodies" category. In the last round, three contestants will perform "I Need an Angel."

After each performance, a panel of judges will monitor the audience

applause for each singer and then decide who will move on to the next round of competition.

"Being GSU Idol is an honor," said Laura Markle, vice president of academic affairs for the Student

Government Association.

"It means you are the go-to person and perform throughout the year."

GSU Idol, besides being the first event in a long line during Homecoming serves as philanthropy as well.

All the money raised by ticket purchases goes to the Southeast Georgia chapter of the United Way.

"We are really excited that all the money is going

to be used locally," said Markle. "We hope that this can really give back to the community."

Trent Herring won last year's competition, winning the hearts of the audience and judges with his rendition of "I Believe" from the movie "Fantasia."

Want to hear GSU Idols?

GSU Idol will strike its first note Monday at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The event is sponsored by SGA and all proceeds go to the United Way.

Author Andrea Lunsford presents Averitt Series

GSU News Service

Andrea Lunsford, Director of the Program in Writing and Rhetoric at Stanford University, will be the featured speaker for the 15th annual Jack N. and Addie D. Everitt Lecture Series at Georgia Southern Oct. 20-21. The series is free and open to the public.

"Writing Matters: Literacy in the 21st Century" will be the theme of Lunsford's three lectures, all of which will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building. This year's series is hosted by the department of writing and linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

The series opens with "What is Writing?" at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, and continues with a second lecture, "Language Wars in the U.S.A.," at 7 p.m. that day.

On Friday, Oct. 21, the concluding lecture, "Four Years of Student Writing: What We Can Learn from Longitudinal Studies," will be held at 11 a.m.

Lunsford has written or co-authored 14 books including "The Everyday Writer," "Essays on Classical Rhetoric and Modern Discourse," "The St. Martin's Handbook, 5th

ed," and most recently, "Everything's An Argument."

Lunsford joined the Stanford faculty in March 2000. Prior to this appointment, she was Distinguished Professor of English at Ohio State University.

Currently, Lunsford is a member of the faculty of the Bread Loaf School of English. Lunsford earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Florida and earned her doctorate in English at Ohio State University.

Lunsford's scholarly interests include contemporary rhetorical theory; women and the history of rhetoric; collaboration and collaborative writing; current cultures of writing; intellectual property and composing; style; and technologies of writing.

Jack Averitt and his wife Addie established the Averitt Lecture Series in 1990 as a gift to GSU's department of history, department of literature and philosophy, and department of writing and linguistics.

Jack Averitt was the first dean of GSU's graduate school, which now bears his name.

Averitt funded the biennial Averitt Distinguished Service



Special Photo

Author Andrea Lunsford will speak during the Averitt Lecture Series.

Award and now serves as dean emeritus.

The Averitt Lecture Series seeks to enhance on-campus academic and cultural life for students, faculty and community by bringing world-class scholars to the university to the university to speak on historical and

literary subjects.

The lectures are subsequently published by the University of Georgia Press.

For more information on the Averitt Lecture Series, contact GSU's department of writing and linguistics at (912) 681-0739.

Bird flu threat strikes fear in Americans

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

Americans fearful of bird flu are peppering health officials with all sorts of questions. Officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have been handling an avalanche of phone calls from the public and the press.

"It's been insane," said Dave Daigle, a spokesman for the CDC, which has been getting an average of 447,000 hits a day on its avian flu information Web page.

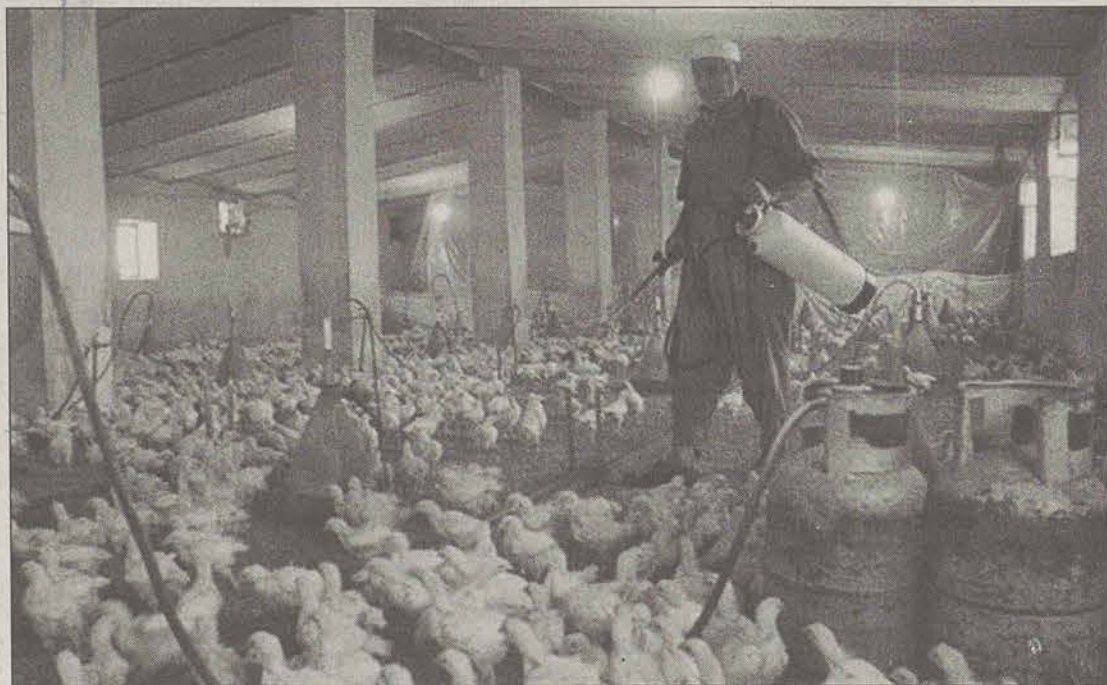
That's more than the CDC got from people wanting to know about the flu shot shortage last October or the West Nile virus outbreaks in 2003.

And the bird flu isn't even here. It is just now infecting poultry in eastern Europe. So far, it almost never spreads between humans and in two years has infected 117 people, all in Asia. More than 60 have died.

But in the past couple of weeks there has been tremendous attention on the virus and U.S. government plans to cope with a possible global flu outbreak. Health experts believe the bird virus may one day mutate to a form that is not only deadly, but easily spread among people.

The U.S. government has started stockpiling Tamiflu and other medicines that scientists believe might be effective against a pandemic virus.

Some people wonder if they should do the same thing. The manufacturer of Tamiflu, which was



AP Photo/Yahya Ahmed

A man sprays disinfectant at a chicken farm in Kirkuk, Iraq, Sunday Oct. 16. Iraq's health authorities banned all imports of live chicken and chicken meat following discovery of deadly strains of bird flu virus in Turkey and Romania.

created to treat ordinary human flu, advises the drug be taken within 48 hours after flu symptoms begin. So some health officials agree it might be wise to have a supply at the ready, especially if a shortage develops.

But people should suppress the urge to pester their doctors for Tamiflu prescriptions, said Dr. Charles Woernle of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Those who hoard Tamiflu for protection against the hypothetical threat

of bird flu will reduce supplies for the elderly and others at risk of serious illness and death from conventional flu, he said.

"You'd be denying some folks who have definite, immediate needs," said Woernle, Alabama's assistant state health officer for disease control and prevention.

Debbie Crane, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said if people really want to take precau-

tions, they should eat right, wash their hands and take commonsense steps to bolster their health and immune systems. She also suggested getting a flu shot.

The vaccine for the upcoming flu season doesn't offer protection against bird flu. In North Carolina, officials estimate that 5,600 state residents could die in a bird flu pandemic. Meanwhile, about 10,000 residents of that state die because of tobacco use, Crane noted.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 17

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"Headlining in Vegas" Stop by and take a chance with some roadside gambling, Vegas Karaoke, free giveaways, carnival food and live music from WVGS 91.9 the Buzz.
Russell Union Rotunda

7 p.m.

SGA sponsors its Fourth Annual "GSU Idol" competition, featuring 12 students. All proceeds benefit the United Way.
Russell Union Ballroom

Tuesday, October 18

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"Sculpt It for the Hungry" is a fun way to collect cans. Sponsored by Volunteer Services, students can join in and build sculptures from canned goods.
Russell Union Rotunda

7 p.m.

"Eagle Casino Night" offers casino themed games, prizes, real show girls and entertainment by illusionist Wayne Hoffman.
Russell Union Ballroom

Wednesday, October 19

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"Walk Up Wedding Chapel" Stop by and get hitched. Vegas Style. Get your free wedding certificate, photo, and rings.
Russell Union Rotunda

7 p.m.

"Doo-Dah/Step Show" Come check out the hottest step and dance moves from fellow students. Comedian and emcee, Big Sean will lead the show. Hanner Fieldhouse

Thursday, October 20

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

"Visions of Vegas." Enjoy a cookout, CSI theme with dead bulldog, show girls, magician Michael Bairefoot, road side card playing and music.
Russell Union Rotunda

7 p.m.

"Homecoming Formal & Court Announcement" The Homecoming 2005 royalty court will be announced and awards will be given out for Homecoming participation.
Russell Union Ballroom

Friday, October 21

4 p.m.

The "Homecoming Parade" will start near Paulson Stadium and end on Sweetheart Circle. Enjoy floats, crazy cars, candy, clowns and walking organizations.

POLICE BEAT

10-11-2005

- A Brannen Hall resident reported her bike was taken from the residence hall's bike rack.
- A student reported his cell phone was taken from his vehicle in the RAC parking lot.
- A University employee reported her purse was taken from the Family Life Building.

10-12-2005

- Statesboro Police Detectives opened an investigation about a forgery at BB&T Bank College Plaza. A GSU student reported that her financial aid check had been removed from her Landrum box and cashed at the BB&T College Plaza without her permission. Evidence was collected at BB&T and witness statements were taken. A suspect was determined to be 22 year-old GSU student Nicole Conti, and she was located and arrested with charges of Forgery in the first degree. Conti also had an active probation warrant for her arrest.

10-13-2005

- Ryan O. Brown, 22, of Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and driving with a suspended license.
- Grady Scott McQuade, 18, of Watson Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
- A case of harassment was reported at the RAC.
- Two bicycles were taken from the Kennedy Hall bike rack.

Information for the Police Beat is compiled from university and Statesboro police incident and arrest reports, which are public record. Not all arrests lead to convictions; the court system determines guilt or innocence.

Concert

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Valentino has scored two major hits since his 2003 debut. He has made waves with hits like "Tell Me" and "Slow Down."

This concert is expected to fetch far less than the 25-30,000 many thought Kanye West, Fantasia, Keyshia Cole and Common would bring to the stadium. Teresa Thompson, interim vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, estimated about 7-8,000 will attend.

"We plan to start selling tickets the week after Homecoming," said Thompson. "At the earliest, we may be able to sell them at the Homecoming game."

One student, who counted herself a fan of Ciara, was hopeful Ciara would

draw a large crowd.

"That's a good replacement for Kanye West," said freshman Amber Caruthers. "She's blown up pretty fast and she just came out. I think a lot of people will go."

This will be the second major concert for GSU this year. In the spring, the university brought 3 Doors Down, Silvertide and Breaking Benjamin for a concert that garnered about 7,500 attendees.

The school has since vowed to bring major entertainers to campus. Administrators mentioned shortly after the Kanye West announcement that a country act would grace Paulson this spring.

"We very much wanted to provide a concert for students for the fall," said VP Thompson. "We feel very confident that this concert will take place on Nov. 18; what happened with Kanye West was a highly unusual situation."

Speech

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to find a better way to get our feelings across."

A spokesman from the College Republicans national organization said the group can perform almost any fundraiser without prior permission.

"I don't know anything about this fundraiser so I can't speak on particulars," said Paul Gourley, Chairman, of the College Republican National Committee. "Each chapter and their events and activities are pretty far removed from the national level."

The debut of the shirts — making way onto campus last Wednesday — came just days after Dean of Students Georj Lewis admonished students for often-harsh exchanges over the Web site Facebook.com. Posts on the site centered around the Kanye West concert.

One group, "Wearing a F**k/boy-cott Kanye West Shirt Might Get You Stomped Out On Nov. 19," mentioned veiled threats to those who might protest the now-cancelled show.

The GOP's McPeak said he isn't deterred.

"We're not promoting any sort of violence," he said. "We hope people can get the humor. We're not going to be afraid of what other people might or might not do."

Are Americans getting ruder?

Technology is to blame for road rage, other rude acts

By Donna Cassata
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' fast-paced, high-tech existence has taken a toll on civility.

From road rage in the morning commute to high decibel cell-phone conversations that ruin dinner out, men and women behaving badly have become the hallmark of a hurry-up world. An increasing informality — flip-flops at the White House, even — combined with self-absorbed communication gadgets and a demand for instant gratification have strained common courtesies to the breaking point.

"All of these things lead to a world with more stress, more chances for people to be rude to each other," said Peter Post, a descendant of etiquette expert Emily Post and an instructor on business manners through the Emily Post Institute in Burlington, Vt.

In some cases, the harried single parent has replaced the traditional nuclear family and there's little time

to teach the basics of polite living, let alone how to hold a knife and fork, according to Post.

A slippage in manners is obvious to many Americans. Nearly 70 percent questioned in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll said people are ruder than they were 20 or 30 years ago. The trend is noticed in large and small places alike, although more urban people report bad manners, 74 percent, then do people in rural areas, 67 percent.

Peggy Newfield, founder and president of Personal Best, said the generation that came of age in the times-a-changin' 1960s and 1970s are now parents who don't stress the importance of manners, such as opening a door for a female.

A whopping 93 percent in the AP-Ipsos poll faulted parents for failing to teach their children well.

Sulking athletes and boorish celebrities grab the headlines while television and Hollywood often glorify crude behavior.

More and more, manners are taught less and less.

Carole Krohn, 71, a retired school bus driver in Deer Park, Wash., said she has seen children's behavior deteriorate over the years, including one time when a



Alden Pellett/Associated Press
"Don't you dare!" shouts Cindy Senning, right, to her brother Peter Post as he jokes about misplacing the silverware setting. The siblings, descendants of etiquette author Emily Post, offer tips on cell phone, email, and other modern social interactions.

boy tossed a snowball at the back of another driver's head. In this litigious society, she argued, a grown-up risks trouble correcting someone else's kid.

One solution for bad behavior "is to put a kid off in the middle of the road. Nowadays all people want to do is sue, to say you're to blame, get you fired," Krohn said.

Calls

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ciencies created, such as cost savings, cost avoidance or productivity increases.

The first-place winner is each category receives \$15,000. Each of the second-place winners receives

\$10,000.

GSU has been recognized during every year of the "Best Practices" competition. In 2003, the university earned second place in the academic affairs category for its Professional Development District, a groundbreaking partnership between the College of Education, the Screven County School System and the Savannah River Challenge Program.



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7 p.m.

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OPINION

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"I have as much authority as the Pope, I just don't have as many people who believe it."

- George Carlin
Comedian

OUR VIEW

Alcohol in the 'Boro: no more after Tuesday meeting?

AT ISSUE: Students attending Tuesday city council meeting should be professional, not belligerent

Tomorrow night the Statesboro City Council is expected to vote on the newly proposed amendments to the city's alcohol ordinance.

Since they announced the amendments—that would outlaw happy hours, among other things—nearly two weeks ago, there has been much talk throughout the campus and community about packing the meeting to voice opinions on the issues up for approval.

We would love it if there were 1,000 people at the meeting on Tuesday night.

We would love to see the students, regardless of their feelings on the issue, to come out

in flocks to let the leaders of the community know how we feel about their proposals.

The issues being debated Tuesday could very well change the Statesboro nightlife as we know it.

With this being said, we urge everyone planning to attend the meeting to use common sense when voicing his or her concerns.

Nothing will be accomplished with belligerent students making fools of themselves. Showing up drunk is also a bad idea.

Remember, the city council has already endorsed the proposed changes, which means they

are as ready to approve them as George Bush is appoint his dog Barney to the Supreme Court. Going to the council meeting and acting like a bunch of hoodlums will result in one thing: having the amendments approved and turning the Statesboro drinking scene into something about as exciting as a social at Gentilly Gardens retirement home.

At the meeting, be professional, be courteous and be sane.

We're not sure of how the debate on the alcohol issues will be structured, but we do know it's going to be a big deal.

Whether one person will be the spokesman for the entire group or anyone with an issue can talk, we're not sure. We just want everyone to behave like adults.

If you feel strongly about alcohol—if you love happy hour or wish it would be deleted from the terminology of Statesboro—go to the meeting and let your voice be heard. It's important.

The city council members may not necessarily care about the students at Georgia Southern, but if we really want to, we can really let them know that they should.

Adam Crisp SCENE AND HEARD

Shooting suspects sadly familiar

Three weeks ago, I had the displeasure of plastering three men from my hometown across the front of The George-Anne.

Shabby haired and disheveled, the three mug shots ran along side an article that explained that either of the three might have had a hand in the shooting of two Georgia Southern basketball players.

Had I not been at least marginally acquainted with the names of the trio, I might have barely thought another minute about placing their pictures atop that day's edition.

If either of three are found to be guilty of the crime—which they haven't yet been—a prison sentence is certainly to follow.

That thought made me wonder how either of the three ended up where they are today.

I can't say for certain what any of their home lives were like, and I likely couldn't even tell you where they lived in our town of less than 5,000 residents. But what I am certain of is that far too many young black men with whom I went to high school have met

similar fates.

After running the story, I did a search on the Georgia Department of Corrections Web site for anyone convicted of a crime in Tattnall County under the age of 27.

What popped up astounded me.

There were more than 150 names and no less than 20 were familiar faces.

Starring back from the other side of my computer screen were now grown men, hardened and in some of the state's toughest prisons. But I remember them all from middle or high school where we shared hallways or classrooms.

At least a few didn't surprise me: the kids who quit school; the ones who were always in the principal's office; they are all in jail now.

But in that mix are the guys who were standout football players; stars of the basketball team. They, too, are behind bars.

I suppose statistically it shouldn't have been surprised that all but three of the faces I recognized were black, but I was. Naively, I thought these guys would have made it.

When I saw their pictures I immediately flew back to pep talks in gymnasiums and life skills teachers who all sang the same mantra that anything was possible.

But realistically I should have known—even in middle school—that it's nearly impossible in the rural South to arise from poverty, and all the dregs that come with that status.

Should these guys get the book thrown at them if they are guilty? You bet.

But the path that lead them to Legends that night with an automatic rifle was begun years before they were born. It's a system that white people like myself foolishly believe isn't there.

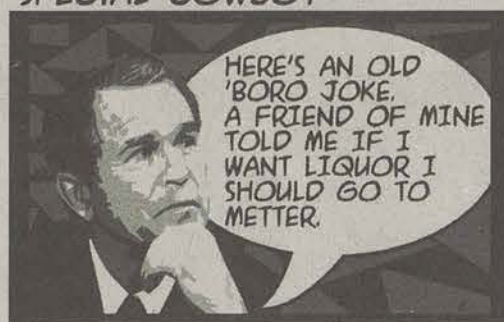
We see happy suburban black families on TV and we see well-to-do minorities in our neighborhoods, and we assume that racism has run its course. Because we don't consider ourselves racist, equal opportunity must be there for everyone.

But the men from Tattnall County who now make their homes in jail cells either didn't find the opportunity or didn't take it.

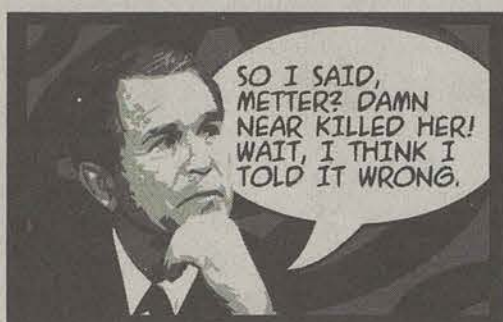
I can only imagine that their fate is a mixture of the two.

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SPECIAL COWBOY



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Kenneth Aud: YOUR TURN

Must change thinking, not drinking laws themselves

To understand a metafact you must break down the word. Meta is a reference to an idea or thought. Fact is something that is known, a truth. A metafact is a tangible object, an artifact that has an idea, a known or at least widely accepted truth associated with it.

To change the way a people operate we must change the way they think, not the artifacts and metafacts in their environment.

Alcohol and the good time associated with it is a metafact. Change the metafact and you change the perception. Change the perception and you change the priorities if not the actions of the people in question.

Simply taking away the happy hour and drink specials will not change people's drive to get drunk until they

loose control. People will just take their money and acquire their alcohol elsewhere. We can change how people drink with laws, but not why they drink. The only way to change their reason for getting drunk is to change how they think.

No amount of legislature is going to make people look at alcohol differently. This kind of thing has been going on since alcohol was discovered.

Do I take part in the happy hours, beer and wing specials, and ladies nights? As easily as I could, no, I'm not 21.

No one should take pride in total loss of self-control, but they should have the right to do so if they please. If nothing else it makes the rest of us look good.

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Jack Parks: YOUR TURN

N.O. residents only ones to blame for Katrina deaths

While I'm glad to see that America's favorite Democrat, Michael Moore, has contributed to the hurricane relief fund in New Orleans, he still cannot help make a mention of the tragedy being the fault of George Bush.

Hurricane Katrina was a disaster this country will not forget. With over \$25 billion in damage and nearly 1,000 lives lost, it is one of the worst disasters in the country's

200-plus year history. The financial damages were almost unavoidable due to the location, but the death toll was unnecessary.

I'm very sorry about the loss of life in New Orleans; however, there was more than ample time for people to

get out. Thirty-six hours before landfall, a voluntary evacuation order was issued. A mandatory order was issued almost 24 hours before landfall. This is more than enough time for people to leave. The people who had "nowhere to go" could have gone to the Superdome, which was one of the safehouses in New Orleans. Thousands of people went; many others didn't.

The people who died in the disaster died because of their own actions. The persons responsible for the death toll in New Orleans are the ones who took it upon themselves to ignore what the government told them and play chicken with a Category 4 hurricane.

They lost.

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Brandee Thomas: YOUR TURN

Just when you thought we were in 2005...

Where is all this hatred coming from? Why does it seem like we all can't coexist within the same community? In my four years here at GSU, I have never encountered such

blatant racist rhetoric. I'm not sure what has changed the GSU student body. Let me share a couple of very relevant and recent stories:

• Last Monday around 6 p.m., I helped my roommate, Danielle, hang homecoming posters around campus.

Less than 24 hours later, a friend informed her that someone had written on her publicly displayed poster, "No ni**ers allowed."

• When The George-Anne published articles announcing Kanye West was coming to GSU, almost immediately

bigoted comments began to spread, via Facebook.com. In one commentary, one individual stated that Kanye West wasn't black because if he was "his name would be Tyrone and he would smell of chicken grease and jehri curl relaxer."

To the people who have been affected by the racist word vomit spreading around campus I offer this advice—keep your heads held high. Do not bend, do not concede defeat, and do not alter your path.

Make your haters your motivators. Do not take the low and easy road by lashing out in violence and continuing this cycle of ignorance.

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Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Republicans: thanks for everything

The right winged Republican party has taken control over the United States government. All three branches of politics are now controlled by a majority of conservatives.

Because of this, I decided to write a congratulations to Republicans for their great performance in office. Of course the first man I need to praise is George W. Bush himself, the biggest name in American politics today. He is the man who has helped create this conservative bias through our government.

Throughout his governing as president there are three large events he has dealt with that will no doubt place him in the history books. The first of course is the War on Terrorism. A war started so the United States could flex its muscles and show the world around it that no other country is more powerful with our sophisticated technology and weaponry against the rudimentary and obsolete ways of life of the terrorists; a war led so ingeniously that four years later we've managed to increase global terrorism.

The next big event we can thank our Republican president for is the infamous War on Iraq. Only one word will always follow this war down through history: illegal. Yes, an illegal war started around lies and fraud. Another war about which our citizens are wondering, "when will this end?"

The last event that will not be easily forgotten is the recent Hurricane Katrina. Along with the fear of "hurricane attacks" will be the fear of poor response systems, like the current FEMA. The failure of Republican FEMA director Michael Brown proved that experience and intelligence is indeed a prerequisite for leading such a large response effort. But looking even deeper we can be truly mind-boggled by the fact that our wonderful president appointed the former director of the Arabic Horse Association as head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. I suppose this fact is no surprise to people who know how great of a job Bush does with appointments.

Who can forget the appointment of John Roberts as chief justice of the United States. The extremely religious judge has every practical citizen of our country worried about just how well he can make decisions about laws created with freedom of religion and separation of church and state in mind.

Speaking of fantastic supreme court nominations, we can't leave out the new appointee Harriet Miers, former white house secretary and commissioner of the Texas Lottery. A lady who has absolutely no experience as a judge, and whose only well known opinion is that George Bush is the most brilliant man she has ever met. Looks like the conservatives have given us quite the Supreme Court line up.

Now while speaking about the exceptional performance of Republicans in office, I must not leave out the much-loved Tom DeLay. This former House majority leader has been indicted not just once, but rather numerous times, the first being the charge of criminal conspiracy for corporate contributions to the Republican party, while Texas law specifically outlaws such actions. Another for his involvement with money laundering. As one of the most powerful Republican leaders, this man gives us a great depiction of his party.

Congratulations to all the Republicans out there. You've done an amazing job filling up our government with wonderful candidates who are doing nothing but great things for our country and its citizens.

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THE BIG STORY

Iraq constitution seems assured to pass

By Lee Keath
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's landmark constitution seemed assured of passage Sunday after initial results showed minority Sunni Arabs had fallen short in an effort to veto it at the polls. The apparent acceptance was a major step in the attempt to establish a democratic government that could lead to the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Opponents failed to secure the necessary two-thirds "no" vote in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces, according to counts that local officials provided to The Associated Press. In the crucial central provinces with mixed ethnic and religious populations, enough Shiites and Kurds voted to stymie the Sunni bid to reject the constitution.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani issued a decree setting Dec. 15 for Iraqis to vote again, this time to elect a new parliament. If the constitution indeed passed, the first full-term parliament since Saddam Hussein's fall in 2003 will install a new government by Dec. 31. If the charter has failed, the parliament will be temporary, tasked with drawing

up a new draft on which to vote.

But the outcome could further divide the nation, with many Sunnis fearing the new decentralized government will deprive them of their fair share in the country's vast oil wealth. Large numbers of Sunnis voted "no," and some of their leaders were already rejecting the apparent result.

While a strong Sunni turnout in Saturday's referendum suggested a desire among many to participate in Iraq's new political system, there were fears that anger at being ruled under a constitution they oppose could push some into supporting the Sunni-led insurgency.

President Bush congratulated Iraqis on the referendum, which across the country saw few attacks and no deaths of voters in violence.

The constitution is a crucial step in Iraq's transition to democracy after two decades of dictatorship under Saddam. Washington was hoping it would pass so Iraqis can form a legitimate, representative government, tame the insurgency and enable the 150,000 U.S. troops to begin withdrawing.

On Sunday, U.S. military helicop-

ters, Humvees and armored vehicles were helping transport the last ballot boxes from polling stations to counting centers in the provincial capitals.

In Baghdad's main counting center, workers tallied votes from the region around the capital. The center was shaken Sunday when militants fired two mortars into the Green Zone, the heavily guarded district where the U.S. Embassy, Iraqi government offices and the counting site are located. But the mortars did not hit the center and caused no casualties or significant damage.

Provinces in the south, where most of Iraq's Shiite majority are concentrated, racked up big "yes" numbers — over 90 percent in favor in most places. Results were not yet available from Kurdistan, but the Kurdish community strongly supports the charter.

Still, despite a call by their top cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani to support the charter, Shiite participation in the south was far lower than parliamentary elections in January, when huge numbers of Shiite voters — more than 80 percent — celebrated



AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed

Iraqi soldiers carry ballot boxes before shipping them for vote counting in Baghdad, Iraq. Iraq's constitutional referendum was probably approved despite a surprisingly large turnout by Sunni Arab opponents.

as they went to the polls to mark their new dominance of the country.

Between 54 and 58 percent of voters showed up Saturday in most parts of the south, according to U.N. elections chief Carina Perelli. The drop could reflect a belief that the constitution's victory was a sure thing or a vein of discontent among Shiites.

Quick, what's new

IN GEORGIA

Delta, retired pilots to face off in bankruptcy court on pension

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. and its pilots are about to battle in court over a key issue in the carrier's bankruptcy case — pensions. The pilots want the nation's third-largest carrier to continue making minimum contributions to their pension plan and certain payments to higher-paid retirees, while the Atlanta-based company vows it won't do either unless a judge forces its hand.

THE NATION

New questions arise in CIA leak probe

WASHINGTON — New details about Judith Miller's decision to cooperate in the CIA leak probe are raising questions about whether Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff and his defense lawyer tried to steer the New York Times reporter's testimony. The dispute arose as the newspaper on Sunday detailed three conversations that Miller had with the Cheney aide, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, in the summer of 2003 about Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson and Wilson's wife, covert CIA officer Valerie Plame.

Bus, truck collide in Wis.; five killed

OSSEO, Wis. — A bus carrying high school students home from a band competition crashed into a tractor-trailer that had jackknifed on the interstate early Sunday, killing four adults and an 11-year-old girl, officials said. Twenty-nine others were injured, some seriously, troopers said.

Carter's son, considering Senate bid, aims barbs at Bush

ELKO, Nev. — Jack Carter, the son of the former president, took aim at the Bush administration Saturday during his first stop on a tour to gauge support for a possible run for U.S. Senate. Carter, 58, said he would announce in a month whether he'll challenge Republican Sen. John Ensign, who is seeking a second term in 2006.

THE WORLD

China space capsule returns to Earth

BEIJING — A space capsule carrying two Chinese astronauts landed by parachute in the country's northern grasslands before dawn Monday following a five-day mission meant to affirm China's status as an emerging technological power. The astronauts Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng were "in good health" after their Shenzhou 6 capsule touched down at 4:32 a.m. local time in the Inner Mongolia region, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said retrieval crews had reached the landing site and the two men were undergoing a medical checkup.

Cayman Islands braces for tropical storm

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — A tropical storm warning was in effect Sunday for the Cayman Islands as a tropical depression moved through the Atlantic on a path that could threaten the U.S. Gulf Coast later this week as a hurricane, forecasters said. The system was expected to become Tropical Storm Wilma by Monday, which would make it the 21st named storm of the season, tying the record for the most storms in an Atlantic season, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

ONLY IN AMERICA

stories by The Associated Press

Nobody running in Idaho city election

1 OAKLEY, Idaho — Municipal elections are coming up, but this city in southern Idaho has no candidates.

Oakley has two city council vacancies to fill in November, but no one has filed the papers to be placed on the ballot, and the deadline for write-in candidacy is fast approaching.

Mayor Garth Greenwell said he hoped somebody would come forward. If nobody does, the two council seats will remain vacant, and on Jan. 1 Greenwell will work with the rest of the council to appoint someone to fill each vacancy, attorney Steve Tuft said.

"Even if there is not enough council members to constitute a quorum, government cannot be shut down," Tuft said. "So it will be up to the remaining council members and the mayor to appoint someone if no election is held in November."

Idaho law regarding write-in candidates recently changed. In past years, voters could just write a name on the ballot, but now write-in candidates must declare their desire to run before the election, said City Clerk Beckie Clark. The deadline for those candidates is Oct. 25.

Police bust into wrong home in wrong state

2 LAWRENCE, Kan. — Police here broke down the front door of a home, responding to a report of a suicidal woman. They had the

wrong home. In fact, they had the wrong state.

Douglas County now plans to pay for a new front door for Bernice Kennedy, 80, and her husband, Bernard, 82. The county's emergency dispatchers have undergone extra training, and the police are defending their conduct.

"It's a wonder I didn't have a heart attack," Bernice Kennedy told the Lawrence Journal-World.

The incident occurred early Monday morning, after a woman called the county's emergency communications center, distraught and looking for a suicide hot line. She later said she'd taken a drug that would kill her.

The call didn't come in on the 911 line, so the dispatchers' computer display didn't show the number or address from where the woman was calling, said Selma Southard, assistant director.

But instead of asking the phone company to trace the line — which would have revealed that the call came from Oklahoma the dispatcher called directory assistance and asked for an address, Southard said.

By mistake, the dispatcher repeated the communication center's extension number — matching the last four digits of the Kennedys' number. The police went to their house at about 3 a.m.

Bernice Kennedy said officers should have investigated more thoroughly before breaking down the door.

Women brawl over microwaving soup

3 TAMARAC, Fla. — A Walgreens employee allegedly stabbed a co-

worker in an argument over who could microwave her soup first, authorities said.

Both women wanted to use the microwave in the employee break room Wednesday afternoon, according to the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

While they were fighting over who could use the microwave first, Mellesia Grant grabbed a large kitchen knife off the counter and stabbed Merloze Tilme in the abdomen, the sheriff's office said.

"They didn't get along to begin with. Who could use the microwave first became a major issue," Broward County Sheriff's Office spokesman Jim Lejeda said.

The two women then wrestled for the knife, each cutting their hands, before the store manager could stop the fight, Lejeda said.

Tilme, 20, was hospitalized early Friday in good condition, officials said.

Grant, 23, of North Lauderdale was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after being treated at a hospital for her wounds, officials said. She was being held on \$50,000 bond.

Woman with \$1.16 tax bill faces \$4K fine

4 LOVELAND, Ohio — A woman who hasn't paid a \$1.16 income tax bill to this Cincinnati suburb faces up to 18 months in jail and \$4,000 in fines.

City officials say Deborah Combs hasn't filed city income tax returns for five years.

Combs says she has been mostly unemployed since 2000 and didn't realize she had to file the



returns until the city notified her in February about the violation.

By that time, Combs owed \$200 in late fees — \$50 for each year she didn't file a return.

"I don't know how they could charge me the fees if I didn't owe anything," Combs said.

Loveland officials say everyone is required to file an annual return, regardless of income level.

"This is a flagrant offender," said City Manager Frederick Enderle. "She's been given ample opportunity and ample warning to file those returns and she chose to ignore them."

Combs has filed returns for 2001-2004, but not 2000. She agreed with a tax liability for \$1.16 for 2003, but she hasn't been able to pay the late fees, she said.

A new approach to Regents' Testing

By Jennifer Judd
Staff writer

Every semester students who are taking English 1101 are required to take the Regents' Test before they can move on to English 1102.

There is a reading section of the test and a writing section. While some students may be exempt from the reading section because of high ACT or SAT scores, everyone must take the writing portion.

Testing begins Oct. 17, 2005 and lasts for two weeks.

Georgia Southern is testing out a new version of the writing section of this exam for the fourth semester in a row. Instead of students writing out the essay that is required of them, some "guinea pig" students will be allowed to type out their essays.

"The Board of Regents is in the process of attempting to make all of the regents exams online and so schools were approached about being a pilot school for this new idea," said Theresa Beebe Novotny, testing coordinator at GSU.

The Regents' test is given to just under 3,000 students per semester and 50 will be taking the computerized version.

This is easier for not only students but also for the people who score the tests.

"Online testing will be useful for students who have illegible handwriting," said Mary Marwitz, assistant professor of the department of writing and linguistics.

The biggest problem for the readers of these essays is trying to decipher so many different types of handwriting and this proposal will help them immensely.

"I think students will feel more comfortable typing out their thoughts instead of writing out their thoughts and I think they'll be able to focus more on the content of their essays: punctuation, grammar and spelling," Novotny said after being asked about how this could benefit the students.

The most common reasons students fail the Regents' Test consist of:

- Writing off the topic, whether by misinterpreting or misreading the prompt;
- Writing simplistically, whether in terms of style, vocabulary or content;
- Having frequent and/or serious errors. If an essay has six to eight errors in grammar/punctuation,

graders will probably begin thinking about whether the paper is of passing quality.

Spelling errors alone are not supposed to be sufficient reason to fail an essay unless the errors are so numerous that they impede meaning, Novotny said

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SPORTS



ATL, Jags get wins

Bryan Metcalf

FROM THE VALLEY

Trojans aren't safe

Can someone explain to me the reasons why USC is the number one ranked team in Division I-A college football?

I understand that they're undefeated, and I know they're the defending national champions, but there are other teams that are undefeated as well. Texas would make a better number one team than USC.

Last Saturday the Longhorns totally dominated the #24 Colorado Buffaloes 42-17.

Vince Young scored five touchdowns (two passing, three rushing) to lead his team. In that game, Young had a near-perfect completion percentage, no interceptions, no sacks, and threw for 336 yards.

Saturday night came the most anticipated game of the week with the #1 USC Trojans taking on the #9 Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

The Trojans just barely sneaked past the Irish, catching a lucky break when Matt Leinart fumbled the football on what would have been the last play of the game.

USC legitimately won the game, but they didn't play very well. Notre Dame managed to get 409 yards of total offense, and scored on a punt return. Matt Leinart was an un-heisman-like 17-for-32 for 301 yards.

He was sacked twice by ND, and threw two interceptions. Not a good outing from the defending national champs. USC got exposed on national television.

Texas should be the number one team this week, not USC. The Longhorns played better football, and have been all season.

Even if USC can survive their PAC-10 schedule, which includes Top-25 teams UCLA (#8) and Cal (#25), they still will have to play somebody in the Rose Bowl.

Southern Cal's road to the Rose Bowl has to go through Berkeley.

Last time there the Trojans got beat 34-31 by the Golden Bears. USC was #3 back then, and Cal pulled off the upset. It could very well happen again three weeks from now.

If Cal doesn't upset the Trojans, look for arch-rival UCLA to step up. The Bruins have lost six-straight to USC, but keep in mind that UCLA had not lost to USC from 1991-1998.

The BCS rankings come out today, and I expect a very undeserving USC Trojans squad to be at the top of the list, with a bright red target painted on their back for everyone to aim for.

Heartbreak on the hill

By Renoldo Stover
Sports Editor

Georgia Southern (4-3, 3-2) traveled to Appalachian State this past weekend looking to extend a three-game winning streak. The Mountaineers (4-2, 2-1) were hoping to bounce back after a tough loss to Furman two weeks ago in a game that would have given them sole possession of the conference lead. When the dust settled, the Eagles were headed back to Statesboro with their second conference loss of the season after falling to the Mountaineers 24-14.

After going three and out on their first possession for only the second time this season, the Eagles looked to keep App. State out of the end zone.

But the Mountaineers would move the ball down to the 18-yard-line before settling for a Julian Rauch field goal.

On GSU's second possession, after four consecutive running plays, the Eagles decided to go to the air on second and seven but Darius Smiley's pass would be picked off giving App. State a great field position.

It wouldn't take the Mountaineers long to capitalize as they capped off an 8-play drive in just over three minutes with a touchdown run to take a 10-0 lead.

On the Eagles', Coach Mike Sewak went into his bag of tricks when the Eagles were looking at their second three and out of the day. On fourth and three, the Eagles came out in a punt formation and snapped the ball directly to linebacker John Mohring who rumbled 36 yards for a first down. The Eagles would move into field goal range, but Jonathan Dudley, who had made all 13 of his previous kicks, would



Senior fullback Brandon Andrews is stuffed by the App. State defense during Saturday's loss to the Mountaineers. LaVene Bell-Koepe/STAFF

miss a 36-yard field goal.

Appalachian would capitalize on the special teams miscue when Kevin Richardson took a handoff on first down and raced 73 yards down to the Eagles six-yard line. Two plays later he would cross the goal line to give the host a 17 point cushion.

The Eagles next possession would also end on a missed field goal, this one being a 38-yarder by Dudley. The Eagles appeared to be on their way to a touchdown on the drive after moving down to the Mountaineer 9-yard line. A false start penalty, followed by a tackle for loss and a sack would

end the Eagles hopes of not being shutout before halftime for the first time since 2002.

App. State was on the verge of putting up 24 first half points if not for John Mohring's endzone interception of a Richie Williams pass on first and goal from the one.

The second half turned into a race to see who could chew up the most game clock after both teams scored on their opening possessions. The Eagles day ended on a fourth-and-two play when Jayson Foster was met at the line of scrimmage by a wave of tacklers on a 12-play drive.

App State's Kevin Richardson presented problems for the Eagles defense all day Saturday, racking up 208 rushing yards at 9.5 a carry while the Eagles were not able to really get their running game on track. Both Jermaine Austin and Jayson Foster had a combined 39 carries for 136 yards and one touchdown.

The Eagles next opponent is The Citadel in Our House this Saturday for homecoming.

With only four games left in the season, and two conference losses, the Eagles need to win out with a little help to get into the playoffs.

Swim and Dive team has fun at scrimmage

By Lelan Washington
Staff writer

The Eagle swim and dive team held their blue/white scrimmage Saturday.

All the ladies were highly enthused about Saturday's meet at the pool, having just returned from College of Charleston with a second place finish.

The Eagles fell to the College of Charleston 156-86, but tallied a win over Wingate 165-62.

"Right now we're trying to swim fast while we're tired after coming in at about two o'clock (Saturday) morning," said head coach Nathan Kellogg.

The ladies would show that they could do just that as they went nautical. Kellogg was pleased with some of his team's individual performances.

"Allison Cochran, a freshman, she placed second in the 100 and 200 breast stroke, and Jen Clayton is real

good in the sprint and freestyle."

Some events for Saturday's meet were the breast stroke, freestyle, back stroke, and butterfly.

But the most peculiar looking event had to be the blue and white team relay where the one swimmer per team swam to the other end and back, where they had to exchange the blue or white t-shirt they wore during their swim to the next swimmer.

GSU will now prepare for next week's match-up with University of New Orleans and Emory University in Atlanta.

"We're going to train our hardest and hope [it pays off]," said Kellogg.

Both teams were very competitive and exhibited plenty of hard work in the water, while still having fun, showing what being a member of the Eagle swim and dive team really takes.

The swim and dive team will be in action this Saturday in Atlanta at the Emory/New Orleans Invitational.

GSU NEWS AND NOTES

Women's tennis

Four members of the Georgia Southern women's tennis team competed in the 2005 ITA Southern Regional Championships Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Seniors' Kimberly Wollett and Szilvia Zsakay and freshman Molly Maddox competed in Singles competition and freshman Shea Huxtable joined the team to compete in doubles play.

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team will next compete at the Memphis Invitational on Oct. 21-23.

Men's tennis

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team finished play at the South Carolina Fall Invitational Sunday. Seniors' Lasha Janashia and Charles-Henri Trotter led the Eagles by winning the B-2 Doubles competition.

The men's tennis team will next compete at the ITA Midstate Regional in Chapel Hill, N.C. on Oct. 19-24.

Women's soccer

UNC Greensboro held a 30-6 advantage in shots and three different players scored a goal as the Spartans blanked the Georgia Southern women's soccer team 3-0 Sunday afternoon at the UNCG Soccer Stadium.

Georgia Southern returns home to host an Oct. 20 contest with Furman.

Men's soccer

Brett Paschall scored two goals as the Phoenix earned a 4-0 Southern Conference men's soccer victory on Sunday afternoon from Rudd Field.

Elon (6-6-2 overall, 2-0-1 SoCon) got on the board in the 14th minute when Paschall collected a Gabe Loducca pass and went one-on-one with the Georgia Southern (6-6-1, 1-4-0) keeper for his fourth goal of the season.

Georgia Southern will visit Mercer on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7:00 p.m.

—From GSU News Service

Volleyball rebounds with win over Bulldogs

By Bryan Metcalf
and Courtney Murphy
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles (14-7, 7-2 SoCon) wrapped up their three-match home stand Saturday afternoon with a win over The Citadel (2-19, 0-10 SoCon) in three games at Hanner Fieldhouse.

In game one the Eagles jumped out to an early five-nothing lead. After calling a timeout, the Bulldogs managed to put two points of their own on the scoreboard and closed the gap to just three.

GSU went on another five-point tear and Citadel never recovered.

Freshman Christy Dowd recorded an ace to help guide the Eagles to a 30-17 victory.

Game two was more of the same as GSU grabbed the early lead again and forced another Citadel timeout.

While the Bulldogs played better overall in the second game, but it wasn't enough to stop Dowd and sophomore Bailey Coleman.

Coleman recorded two of the

last three points for GSU, and Dowd added another ace to beat The Citadel 30-22.

Game three seemed like it could go either way at first as the teams went back and forth for the first ten points.

The Citadel managed to take an 8-6 lead early, but GSU came back with four unanswered points to retake the lead.

Leading 13-11 the Eagles went on another five-point streak to open the gap to seven.

Everything went the Eagles way after that as GSU handed Citadel their tenth-straight conference loss by winning game three 30-19.

Coleman led the way offensively for the Eagles with 14 kills. Dowd added nine digs to lead the team defensively.

Senior Natalia Galantini had 20 assists for the Eagles. GSU head coach Kerry Messersmith was more than happy after the game about her young players.

"Bailey always does a good job," said Messersmith. "We always expect



GSU's Jennifer Charles goes for the kill in Saturday's win. Jared Siri/STAFF

great things from her."

When asked about the freshman, Dowd, coach Messersmith said she was happy with Dowd's production in the absence of star player Iulia Porumbescu, who was watching from the sidelines while resting for

App. State.

"Christy went in and played really well," said Messersmith. "She had a lot of confidence and she served well. She's going to be a good player."

Porumbescu leads the team in kills (357) and in digs (304).

In Friday's action GSU battled against conference unbeaten College of Charleston (17-1, 9-0 SoCon). According to Coach Messersmith the focus before the game was, "Like every other game, to go out and play well."

The Cougars came into the game winning the last nine straight matches.

Leading the Cougars were Senior Rebecca Wieters and Senior Amanda Timmers who average over 3 kills per game.

GSU and Charleston have alternated being SoCon regular season champs for the past four years.

The first game was a challenge for both teams, which took turns taking the lead and were tied for most of the game. Charleston was forced to take a timeout when the Eagles took the lead at 19-15.

The Cougars fought back and tied the Eagles at 19. Unfortunately the Eagles were unable to rally and lost the game 30-24.

Going into the second game the Cougars kept a steady lead over the Eagles and won with a score of 30-13.

The third game proved to be no different, as the Cougars finished the game 30-20, and swept the Eagles three games straight.

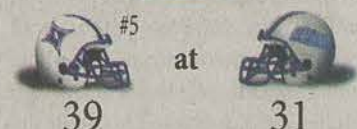
"We didn't go out and compete," said Messersmith after the match.

"There were just errors after errors. The important thing is to be competitive and play hard, if we do these things we'll bounce back."

GSU travels to Appalachian State on Tuesday.

Southern Conference Standings as of 10/17			
	Conference	Overall	
Coll of Charleston	9-0	17-1	
Georgia Southern	6-1	13-6	
Appalachian State	4-2	11-7	
Chattanooga	4-2	9-9	
Davidson	4-3	8-13	
Wofford	4-4	9-8	
Western Carolina	4-4	5-15	
Furman	3-5	7-11	
Elon	2-4	4-13	
UNC Greensboro	1-7	2-16	
The Citadel	0-9	2-18	

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Furman survives in three OT's

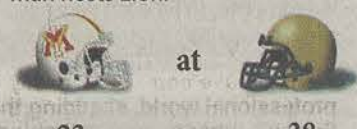
Fullback Jerome Felton rushed for three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score and the two-point conversion, as No. 5 Furman escaped The Citadel at Johnson Hagood Stadium with a 39-31 victory in three overtimes.

Felton's 16-yard scamper and two-point run gave the Paladins (6-1, 2-1) in the Southern Conference) their final margin of victory. The Bulldogs (3-3, 1-2) had one last chance to keep the game alive, but redshirt freshman quarterback Justin Knox's pass took Kinta Palmer out of bounds in the corner of the right end zone on fourth and nine from the 14, and Furman celebrated their ninth win in their last 11 tries against their long-time state rivals.

Furman ended with 460 yards of total offense, 234 of them coming after the third quarter, compared to 270 for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs nearly knocked off their second ranked opponent of the season, as they defeated then No. 18 Western Carolina, 17-7, on October 1 in Cullowhee, NC.

The Citadel travels to Georgia Southern next weekend while Furman hosts Elon.



Wofford beats VMI

Wofford rushed for a season-high 441 yards and quarterback Josh Collier threw two touchdown passes to lead the Terriers to a 38-23 win over VMI (3-4) Saturday afternoon at Gibbs Stadium.

Seven Terriers rushed for 30 or more yards in the game as Wofford (4-2) rushed for its most yards in a game since putting up 476 yards against The Citadel on Oct. 30, 2004.

Michael Hobbs rushed for a game-high 85 yards but left the game after fracturing his right ankle late in the first half.

Wofford's defense held VMI to just 47 yards rushing and 307 total offense yards.

Wofford will play host to Appalachian State next Saturday at Gibbs Field in the final home game of the season. VMI will host Gardner-Webb.



Mocs hold off Elon

Esteban Lopez booted a 19-yard field goal with 5:16 to play that broke a 7-7 tie and lifted the Chattanooga Mocs to a 10-7 Southern Conference football victory over the Elon Phoenix at Rhodes Stadium on Saturday night. UTC cupped its record to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the SoCon with its third consecutive victory while Elon dipped to 3-4, 0-3.

Chattanooga has secured its first five win season since 2000 when the team went 5-6.

Chattanooga's offense was led by Eldra Buckley's 124 yard game, his third 100-yard game of the season.

Elon's Kye Hamilton is the 13th Elon quarterback to surpass the 2,000 with 2,061 yards for the year.

For the game, Elon was out gained 332-215 in total yards, including 202-150 on the ground and 130-65 through the air.

Elon hits the road for a 2:00 p.m. kickoff at #5 Furman next Saturday afternoon in Greenville, S.C. while Chattanooga heads home to face Western Carolina at 6:00 p.m.

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Homecoming Week Events

Sunday, October 16th

Vegas Vacation will be shown in the Russell Union Theatre at 8pm. Free admission and popcorn/soda. Get into the spirit of Vegas, Chevy Chase style.

Monday, October 17th

Headlining in Vegas will take place at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11am-1pm. Stop by and take a chance with some real roadside gambling. Participate in Vegas Karaoke and make sure you enter the "Las Vegas" raffle, play the Wheel with free giveaways, enjoy live music from WVGS 91.9 the Buzz, and carnival food.

SGA sponsors its Fourth Annual *GSU Idol* competition in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7pm. The musical competition will feature 12 GSU students competing for the top honor of becoming the next *GSU Idol*. Buy your tickets early! Tickets will be \$3 in advance and will be sold October 11th-14th under the Rotunda from 11am-2pm. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$5. All proceeds benefit the United Way. Come rock the night away as we raise money for a great cause and name the next *GSU Idol*!

Vote for your King and Queen candidates online! Check your WINGS account or the Homecoming website for more information. (www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com)

Tuesday, October 18th

Sculpt It for the Hungry will take place at the Russell Union Rotunda from 9am-3pm. Sponsored by: Volunteer Services. Illusionist, Wayne Hoffman will entertain the Rotunda crowd from 12-1pm, Mike da Roving Guy will entertain from 11am-1pm, and make sure you enter the *Las Vegas* raffle, play the Wheel with

free giveaways, enjoy live music from WVGS 91.9 The Buzz, and carnival food.

Eagle Casino Night will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7pm. Free admission! Come play casino themed games, win prizes, be entertained by an Illusionist, Wayne Hoffman and see real show girls! (<http://hoffmanmagic.com>)

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Wednesday, October 19th

Walk Up Wedding Chapel

will take place at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11am-1pm. Stop by and get hitched, Vegas Style. Get your free wedding certificate, photo, and rings. Be sure to attend your reception following your ceremony and make sure you enter the *Las Vegas* raffle, play the Wheel with free giveaways, enjoy live music from WVGS 91.9 The Buzz, and reception food.

The Georgia Southern traditional *Doo-Dah/Step Show* will take place in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Come check out the hottest step and dance moves from fellow GSU students. Comedian and emcee, Big Sean will lead the show. Advance poker chip (ticket) sales will start on Wednesday, October 12th in the Office of Student Activities. Advanced tickets will be \$3.00 and \$5.00 at the door.



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Thursday, October 20th

Visions of Vegas will take place at the Russell Union Rotunda from 12pm-1pm with Magician, Michael Bairefoot. Enjoy a cookout, CSI theme with dead bulldog, Show girls, *Las Vegas* raffle, The Wheel with free giveaways, Road side card playing, free music, and much more.

The Homecoming Formal & Court Announcement will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7pm. Enjoy conversation, Hors D'oeuvres, music, and entertainment by Magician, Michael Bairefoot. The Homecoming 2005 royalty court will be announced and various awards will be given out for Homecoming participation. Limited seating is available. Advanced tickets can be picked up in the Office of Student Activities starting on Monday, October 17th. This event is free, but a poker chip (ticket) must be used for entry. (www.magicidol.com)

Friday, October 21st

The Homecoming Parade will start near Paulson Stadium at 4pm and end on Sweetheart Circle. Come enjoy the wide assortment of floats, crazy cars, clowns, walking organizations, and much more. Get a great seat along the route or on Sweetheart Circle. For a complete map

of the route, view the website at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com.

The *GSU Homecoming Festival* will start immediately after the parade between the Russell Union and the University Bookstore at approximately 5:30pm. This is a must see event!! Free inflatables, novelty games, prizes, food, music from the band Dubconscious, and so much more. This event is free entry.

Light up the sky with the first ever, *Vegas Fireworks Display* in the J.I. Clements Baseball Stadium at 8:30pm. Enjoy a colorful display of fireworks and music. This event is free entry.

Saturday, October 22nd

"Vegas Tailgating at the Union" will kick off at 11am between the Russell Union and University Bookstore. Stop by before you head towards the stadium. Free food, music, games, inflatables, novelties, GSU spirit items, carnival food, and much more. Jump on the bus and avoid parking at the stadium.

The football game starts at 3:30pm. Georgia Southern University vs. the Citadel. The game will be televised on CSS. The crowning of the King & Queen will take place during halftime.

For complete Homecoming 2005 details, changes, and additions you can view the official website at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com

Win a FREE Vegas trip! When you attend a Homecoming 2005 event, you can fill out a ticket for a chance to hit it big! That's right, one lucky GSU student will win two roundtrip plane tickets, three nights in a Marriott hotel, and \$200.00 spending money. (\$1,000 valued package). The more events you attend, the higher your chances!! Sponsored by: Eagle Entertainment and Apple Computers