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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005

OUR HOUSE CLEANED

Mike Sewak, football coaching staff fired after playoff loss

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff Writer

After four years, Mike Sewak is no longer the Georgia Southern head football coach. In a press conference Tuesday afternoon, the rumors were confirmed.

Neither Sewak nor the members of his coaching staff will have their contracts renewed for the 2006 season.

Sam Baker, GSU's athletic director, said the decision to terminate the contracts came in part because of the Eagles' first-round loss to Texas State University.

"The way it happened Saturday, when you're Georgia Southern and you're leading... I have to admit, it shocked me," said Baker at a press conference in the Lupton Building.

Sewak will continue to draw his \$109,000 annual salary until June 30. If Sewak doesn't find employment elsewhere, Southern Boosters will continue to pay the salary for up to three years.



Mike Sewak

"I had the best record in the Southern Conference over the last four years. I was blindsided. There was no indication (of the firing) ever."

- Mike Sewak
GSU's former head football coach

In his four years, Sewak has taken the Eagles to the playoffs three times. He led the team past the first round only once in 2002. In Saturday's game against Texas State, GSU squandered a 35-16 third quarter lead over the Bobcats. Texas State scored 34 unanswered points and held GSU to zero yards total offense in the fourth quarter, ending hopes of a seventh national championship.

Baker said GSU's football program was "feared" when former head coach Paul Johnson left four years ago. Now, he said, the Eagles don't stir those same feelings.

Sewak was described as "surprised" by Baker at the press conference.

"I had the best record in the Southern Conference over the last four years," Sewak told the Savannah Morning News. "I was blindsided. There was no indication (of the firing) ever."

Sewak compiled a 35-14 record during his tenure at GSU, 26-7 in the Southern Conference. But for GSU the bottom line was competing for and winning championships - something Sewak hasn't done.

There's no word on any replacement, though Baker alluded to rumors that former Eagles assistant Hugh Nall, who is now an assistant at Auburn, could be among the list of possible replacements. He didn't lay out a specific timeline, though he said he hoped to name a new coach "as soon as possible."

Baker said whomever takes Sewak's place could rehire any of the current assistant coaches.

"The staff works for the coach," said Baker. "The coach gets the option to name a new staff. He can keep one or two or none of them."

The new coach could also scrap the

Eagles' triple-option defense.

"I think the last time we looked for a coach (keeping the triple option) was something we looked for," said Baker, but he added that the new coach would make the ultimate decision.

He also said an increase in pay could help lure a coach. Currently, GSU's pay is the fifth highest in the conference.

"That's one thing we had to address," he said. "It's a new day as far as financing in college football."

News of Sewak's firing came with a mix of opinions, with some saying the decision was justified, but at least one college football commentator had harsh words for Baker.

"I think Mike Sewak got about as much out of that team as you could considering the inexperience GSU had with that defense," said I-AA.org's senior columnist Dave Coulson in the Savannah Morning News.

"I think it's unconscionable on Sam Baker's part. People have to realize times are changing and GSU is not going to dominate like they did in the '80s. There are too many good teams out there. It's a shame a good coach doing a good job is fired."

The team gathered at 2 p.m.

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Jared Siri/STAFF

GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker spoke during a packed press conference Tuesday, saying he had fired GSU's head coach and the entire coaching staff.

Freshman charged in double homicide

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

A part-time freshman has been arrested in connection with the stabbing death of his in-laws.

Dustin James Coulter, 23, along with his wife Alexandria, 20, and Jerry James Easters, 20, are all being held without bond in the Bulloch County Jail for the Nov. 21 death of a Register couple.

Police believe Jack and Paula Futch, both 60, were killed in their rural Bulloch County home sometime early Monday morning. Police were called to the scene by Alexandria, Jack Futch's daughter, who was allegedly bound inside the home.

Loretta Brandon, GSU's spokesperson, confirmed last week that Dustin Coulter is a part-time freshman who just enrolled this semester.

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Dustin Coulter



photos by Chase Lanier/STAFF

Ciara brings her 'Goodies' to the 'Boro

Pop diva Ciara performed to a less-than-packed Paulson Stadium last Friday. The chilly weather didn't dampen the crowd's enthusiasm. The glow of cell phone screens and waving hands greeted five student performers, Killer Mike (far right), Bobby Valentino (right) and Ciara (top).



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To be named before Christmas

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TODAY

High: 63 | Low: 36
Sunny

FRIDAY

High: 82 | Low: 52
Sunny

SATURDAY

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Sunny

SUNDAY

High: 74 | Low: 52
Partly cloudy

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OUR PRINT SCHEDULE

We're taking a break for the holidays, but you can look for us on Jan. 12, 2006, as we return for the new year. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Student art at Club Mud

Annual winter art exhibition and sale
Dec. 1-3

GSU News Service

The Annual Club Mud Winter Exhibition and Sale, now in its 21st year, is an opportunity for the public to view and purchase original artworks created by students enrolled in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern.

The exhibition and sale runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Club Mud sale takes place in the Ceramic and Sculpture Studio on Forest Drive. This exhibition and sale features work from the art students in ceramics, jewelry and small metals.

"This opportunity to turn the studio into a gallery offers the students a chance to enter into the business of art," said ceramics professor Jane Pleak, who began this exhibition and sale with her students 21 years ago as a learning activity sponsored by the ceramics student organization, Club Mud.

Club Mud benefits the community by providing a venue in which to purchase hand-made ceramics, jewelry and art. All students and faculty involved in the sale volunteer their time in order to make this event possible, and both graduate and undergraduate students participate.

Proceeds from the sales support visiting artists, travel to ceramic and jewelry conferences for students and this year sales of works with red tags will go the Red Cross. Students receive 80 percent of their sales to support their development in the arts.



File Photo

Last year's Club Mud items were displayed in the Ceramics building.

The ceramic works on display will highlight the student's broad range of ceramic techniques taught in the ceramics program, under the direction of Jane Pleak. Patrons can expect to see richly colored glazes and decoration on dinnerware, mugs, candleholders, vases, sculpture and much more.

"Learning about the marketplace, meeting the public and offering a product for exhibition and sale are essential components of being a functional and successful artist," said Pleak. "Reaching out to their community and their audience is a necessary process in students' growth as artists and craftspeople. Through this biannual event, the students understand the practical hands-on work needed to operate a full-time studio."

Also featured in the Ceramic and Sculpture building are works from the Jewelry and Small Metals program under the direction of Christina Lemon.

Students enrolled in the jewelry courses taught by Christina Lemon learn about creating one-of-a-kind jewelry. Students create jewelry designs in sterling silver, gold, copper, bronze, brass, nickel silver and enameled metals using various techniques.

Students fashioned jewelry pieces through fabrication that includes the use of silver soldering; stone setting; and enameling, which is fusing powdered glass onto metal surfaces. The success of a particular handcrafted jewelry piece rests on several factors that include: design, media, cost of production to the consumer and production time.

Admission to Club Mud's Annual Exhibition and Sale is free. The community is welcome, and is encouraged to visit the studio, meet with the student artists and view their artwork. For further information, please call the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at 681-5358.

Giving back before going home

Statesboro offers
many opportunities
for volunteer work
before the holidays

By Casey Altman
Assistant news editor

For many, December is a frantic month of shopping and gift giving and holiday get-togethers with family and friends. Malls become crowded with anxious shoppers. Christmas music plays on every station. Commercials for elusive holiday gifts interrupt your favorite TV shows.

For people who have grown weary of the commercialism that engulfs the season and are looking for something to help them get in the true spirit of the holiday, volunteering or making donations may help.

There are many ways you can give to the community before heading home for the holidays. Volunteer Services is working to help put students in contact with organizations the students want to volunteer with.

Camille Crowder works for Volunteer Services. She said students can

check the Volunteer Services website or come by the office for information. She also pointed out several things students can do.

"We'll be going to local nursing homes, putting up decorations and visiting residents," said Crowder. "That's the big thing for us right now."

But if going to the nursing homes is not up your alley, you can help out at the local animal shelter.

"They're always looking for people to donate food and to take care of the animals," said Crowder.

You can adopt a family for the holidays, give spare change to the Salvation Army or donate winter clothes to Goodwill.

Brandon Jones, the event coordinator for the Alpha Phi Alpha "Toys for Tots" toy drive, said the fraternity usually collects money for "Toys for Tots." "This time we wanted to just give toys," he said.

According to Jones, "Toys for Tots" only accepts new toys. Once the items are collected they will be sent to children in Statesboro.

There are boxes for the toy collection at the Student Activities Center, the Greek Life office and at



Casey Altman/STAFF

Russell Union is decorated for the holidays and students can drop off canned goods in gift boxes by every tree for the Statesboro food bank.

the Multicultural Student Center. The deadline for drop-offs is Friday, Dec. 16.

The Festival of Trees food drive is taking place upstairs in the Union. According to Bill Pickett, Student Activities director, students can drop off canned goods in the gift boxes beside the trees.

Campus disaster controlled



Rachel McDaniel/STAFF

Student volunteers were taken to a decontamination shower set up outside the Nursing building during yesterday's emergency drill. Local emergency management teams tested and evaluated their response systems by participating in the planned disaster drill on campus.

The scenario involved a chemical explosion with toxic materials in a laboratory on the third floor. Twelve students were involved in the explosion. University police were the first to arrive at 3:38, and cleared students from the building before fire department members wearing full oxygen gear entered the building to dissipate dangerous fumes. Emergency Medical Services arrived to treat the victims in a chemical containment area.

Participants in the drill included GSU's Public Safety Office, Environmental Safety, Statesboro Fire Department, Statesboro Police Department, East Georgia Regional Medical Center, Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Bulloch County EMS/Rescue.

Hurricane relief efforts commended

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One Million Chal-
lenge donated goods
to be delivered

By GSU News Service

The Office of Student Activities and Volunteer Services began the One Million Challenge in September to help feed people who lost their homes due to Hurricane Katrina.

The groups organized efforts to collect one million non-perishable items to be distributed to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Over 40 organizations, businesses, churches and schools from the Statesboro community and the university collected over 50,000 items.

"I am so impressed by how the community came together in support of one purpose," said Bill Pickett, director of student activities.

A moving truck full of donated

items and a van with Georgia Southern students and staff will travel to the Gulf Coast to distribute the goods and help families. From Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, a group from the university will be traveling to the Biloxi area to distribute the items and assist with cleanup efforts.

"We will be removing debris, doing clerical work and building houses," Pickett said. "We will be focusing our efforts on the smaller communities and coordinating with food banks until our supplies run out."

The group will be working with Hands On USA, a volunteer-staffed, non-profit organization dedicated to timely disaster response and relief. For more information on the One Million Challenge, visit <http://www.theonemillionchallenge.com>. For more information on Hands On USA, visit <http://www.handsonusa.org>.

Places for pets over the holidays

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff writer

It is almost time to head home after a couple weeks of final exam-related stress. There are literally thousands of happy dogs, cats and assorted other pets that will either be traveling or finding a foster home for the holiday break.

For those of you whose parents won't let Bowser in the front door, the best hope is finding a dog-friendly buddy with whom your puppy can

pass the time. Dogs are naturally social animals and would prefer canine and human company to the dark recesses of a boarding establishment.

Southern Pet Sitters, a local business, offers a wide variety of services. The business has been nominated for small business of the year. Options include everything from a 15-minute potty break for \$9.50 to 24-hour overnight sitting for \$45.

Other services include long walks,

pooper scooping for the faint of heart and, for those pampered pets, pet massage performed by a licensed professional.

There are other boarding services offered by local veterinarians. The Bulloch Veterinary Clinic, for example, offers cat and dog boarding for around \$8 a day, and provides quality service. Dogs are walked two times a day. For further info or reservations, call 912-764-7579.

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POLICE BEAT

11-16-2005

- Someone threw a water balloon and damaged the windshield of a vehicle on Olympic Boulevard.

11-17-2005

- Jamie Renee Arnold, 24, of Robin Hood Trail, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
- Shante A. Stacy, 23, of University Pointe, Statesboro, was charged with false report of a crime.
- A case of harassment was reported at Kennedy Hall.
- A case of simple battery was reported at the RAC.

11-18-2005

- Anthony James Mincey, 25, of Pine Street, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana and open container violation.
- Yahaziel Jamal Simon, 20, of Southern Courtyard, was charged with underage drinking.
- A pair of sunglasses and two speakers were taken from the vehicle in the Southern Courtyard parking lot.
- A Southern Courtyard resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

11-19-2005

- Gary Lee Richardson, 18, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.
- Benjamin S. Parrish, 18, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.
- A video camera and a pair of jeans were taken from Kennedy Hall.

11-20-2005

- Clark W. Morrison, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with DUI and noise violation.
- A computer was taken from Eagle Village.

11-21-2005

- A bicycle was taken from the Henderson Library bike rack.
- A bicycle was taken from the Kennedy Hall bike rack.
- A portable projector was taken from the College of Business Administration Building.

11-22-2005

- A Johnson Hall resident reported someone had forged several of their checks.
- A laptop computer was taken from Watson Hall.

11-25-2005

- A door was damaged at Watson Hall.
- Several textbooks were taken from Watson Hall.

11-26-2005

- A bicycle was taken from the Hendricks Hall bike rack.

11-27-2005

- A bicycle was taken from the Brannen Hall bike rack.

11-28-2005

- A bicycle was taken from the Watson Hall bike rack.

11-29-2005

- Matthew Tyler Floyd, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with possession of marijuana and underage drinking.
- A bicycle was taken from the Olliff Hall bike rack.
- A book bag was taken from the College of Information Technology Building.
- A purse was taken from the Biology Building.
- A textbook was taken from Watson Hall.
- A wallet was taken from Brannen Hall.
- The lights in an elevator at Eagle Village were broken and an exit sign was damaged.

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.

THE BIG STORY

President Bush defends his embattled war policy

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — President Bush, facing growing doubts about his war strategy, said Wednesday that Iraqi troops are increasingly taking the lead in battle but that "this will take time and patience." He refused to set a timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces.

Bush said the U.S. military presence in Iraq is set to change, by making fewer patrols and convoys, moving out of Iraqi cities and focusing more on specialized operations aimed at high-value terrorist targets.

"As Iraqi forces gain experience and the political process advances, we will be able to decrease our troop level in Iraq without losing our capability to defeat the terrorists," Bush told a supportive audience at the U.S. Naval Academy. "These decisions about troop levels will be driven by the conditions on the ground in Iraq and the good judgment of our commanders, not by artificial timetables set by politicians in Washington."

Bush's emphasis on the readiness of Iraqi security forces came at a time when continued violence in Iraq and the death of more than 2,000 U.S. troops have contributed to a sharp drop in the president's popularity.

Even before Bush finished speaking, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid issued a statement claiming that Bush "recycled his tired rhetoric of 'stay the course' and once again missed an opportunity to lay out a real strategy for success in Iraq that will bring our troops safely home."

The Nevada senator charged that

Bush failed to meet a call by the Senate to tell Americans the administration's strategy for success in Iraq.

"There needs to be a full-court press of information available" to Congress and the public, said Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

With lawmakers and others calling for a more sober assessment of the situation in Iraq, Bush acknowledged setbacks in the training of Iraqi forces. He recalled a time when Iraqi soldiers ran from battle, and said the United States has made several changes reflecting lessons learned from early mistakes in how Iraqis were trained.

He did not say that the terrorists now in Iraq had anything to do with the 2001 terror attacks in the United States, but he powerfully linked the two.

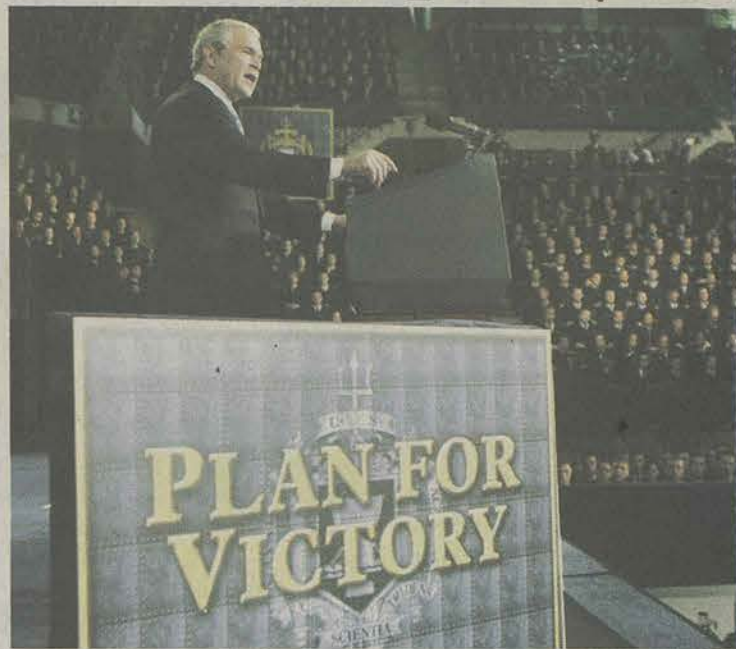
Bush said many Iraqi forces have made real gains over the past year.

"As the Iraqi forces grow more ca-

pable, they are increasingly taking the lead in the fight against the terrorists," Bush said. "Our goal is to train enough Iraqi forces so they can carry the fight against the terrorists."

Bush's speech did not break new ground or present a new strategy. Instead, it was intended to bring together in one place the administration's arguments for the war and explain existing strategy on a military, economic and political track. The president's address was accompanied by the release of a 35-page White House document titled "National Strategy for Victory in Iraq."

Bush said that Iraqis are stepping forward to provide security for their embattled country, torn by suicide bombings, kidnappings and other violence. "Iraqi forces have made real progress," the president said. "We will stay as long as necessary to complete the mission. If our military leaders there tell us we need more troops, I will send them."



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

President Bush speaks to U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen about the war on terror at the U.S. Naval Academy Wednesday. President Bush said Iraqi troops are increasingly taking the lead in battle but "this will take time and patience." He refused to set a timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces.

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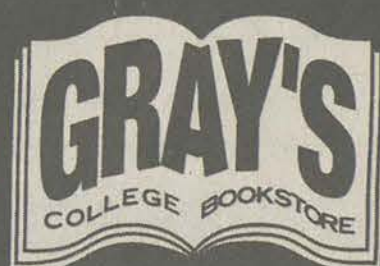
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OUR VIEW

Sewak fired for good reason?

AT ISSUE: GSU head football coach fired after losing playoff game, four winning seasons

Georgia Southern Athletic Director Sam Baker announced in a press conference Tuesday that the entire football coaching staff had been fired.

Many were surprised, many were not. Baker cited the first-round playoff game against Texas State last Saturday—where the Eagles lost 50-35 after a 19-point third quarter lead—as one of the main reasons why head coach Mike Sewak and the rest of his staff were given the boot.

The opinions in our office the past few days have been mixed.

But one question looms in all of the dialogue on the topic: do Baker and others think that some new coach is going to come in here next year and take home a

National Championship trophy?

Will this new person be able to please salivating Boosters and fans that are over-due for a national title?

We doubt it. Not that we don't want this to happen, but we don't see it as being practical.

We have to admit, though, that Sewak had it coming.

If losing to Wofford and App. State weren't enough, he should have really expected it after the less than spectacular performance last week in Texas.

If he didn't call his wife after the game to price moving companies or U-haul rentals, then he was definitely living in a utopian world, according to some.

But let's remember that Sewak was not that bad of a coach when looked at in the broader perspective of things.

He has never had a losing season at GSU, and he was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year for the 2004 season.

But that's just not enough, apparently.

As Baker said, and as others carry as the unofficial motto for the GSU Eagles, it's not enough to win, you have to win National Championships.

Sewak had to know that when he came to GSU. He had to know our history, and our determination to keep winning.

And after blowing championships for four years in a

"There is no doubt that now, more than ever, we must work to end our dependence on foreign oil sources. But we cannot do so by ignoring the wishes of the coastal communities that oppose drilling."

— Elizabeth Dole
United States Senator

Luke Hearn SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

How to not die during finals week

The smell of stale coffee and energy drinks and the sight of pajama pants, workout shorts and people wearing hats because they haven't showered tells me that the semester is coming to a close.

This is a time that professors pile on those last few books to read, papers to write, presentations to make and final projects to be turned in. It's also the time that we begin to focus on the week of finals, where we have to remember the minute facts such as Joseph Conrad's wife's name that we learned on the first day of class and try to keep it close in case it's asked on the final exam.

But don't fear, my friends (I say that only in general terms, please understand). Finals week does not have to be Hell week. It doesn't necessarily mean we have to sacrifice our sanities to perform well on the tests that could very well determine if we graduate or not, lose HOPE or not, or just plain go fully insane or not.

The following are some tips to help you make it through to Christmas Break (or for you overly politically correct people: Winter Break):

- Make a schedule. The next week is going to be hectic, for most of us, anyway. It might help you out to make a study schedule of sorts to post right beside your computer desk or study area. Ideally, this schedule would show the actual days you have exams, as well as times set aside to study. I know that sticking to such a schedule is hard, but think of it this way: would you rather discipline yourself for a few days to study, or fail a class and be known as a complete loser? Yeah, I thought so.

- Don't over-do it. Studying for hours and hours with no breaks is a terrible thing. Studies show that our brains need periodic breaks during intense studying. I'm not saying take a two-hour break for every five minutes you read, but you should take maybe five minutes every hour or so to stretch your legs, get some fresh air or just rest your brain.

- Find a good place to study. While it may seem that studying while lying on the couch with the TV blaring is a good thing, typically it's not. Nor is it really a good idea to study while lying on your bed. Call me crazy, but every time I try to sit on my bed to study, I wake up cold and alone, five hours later with nothing accomplished. Find a place that's quiet and comfortable. I don't mean comfortable like laying in the arms of Brad Pitt, but comfortable in terms of somewhere you feel you can actually get something done.

- Make flashcards. If you have a lot of facts to remember, or especially if you're studying a foreign language, flash cards can be key in making the grade you need. Yeah, I know, they take a while to make, but they're worth it. Just think, once you've made them, you're 80 percent of the way done. The other 20 is just looking them over. You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn just from making them.

- Get plenty of sleep, and eat! I know it may seem impossible, but making sure to get sleep during the next few days is crucial to your success. I'm not one to necessarily follow this advice necessarily, but I have learned that if I make a schedule and stick to it, sleep can happen. And eating is pretty important, too. If you're hungry while studying and taking your exam, not only will you lack energy, but you the noises your stomach will make could distract you, as well as others. So eat, and get some sleep. You'll thank me later.

This list is not exhaustive, and there are many other ways to make finals week a success, but these will definitely help.

Write to Luke at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu.



Eric Hannah: YOUR TURN

Freedom of speech should not be seen as 'poison'

The Nov. 15 edition of The George-Anne had a front page article devoted to "God's trash man" himself, Donnie Morris (*Shock-value sermon*). While I have many thoughts on Morris' preaching, I would like to respond to psychology professor Janie Wilson's remarks.

Wilson stated that Morris' preaching was "poisoning" her like second-hand smoke and that it infringed on her right to walk through the campus in peace. I wonder if she would have been as "poisoned" if this had been an anti-war rally, a gay rights campaign, or any other non-religious, left of center, elevated volume event.

I personally was more offended by a sidewalk chalk writing before a football game that referred to a nearby military college as the "sh*t-a-hell." I suppose that's a good use of free speech and everyone who walks by should feel patriotic that students have been liberated and endowed with the right to author such fine literary masterpieces.

Yet, I didn't feel like I was "poisoned" and scarred

for life because of what was written on the side walk, even though it was very hard to ignore. I guess I am left to assume that Wilson will have to avoid traveling down several streets in a few weeks because certain homes may display festive lighting and illuminated lawn ornaments that represent a religious setting and holiday. These displays are very hard to ignore and may disturb her peace, "poisoning" her with the garbage that the Nativity represents.

If someone is legally expressing their views in a public setting, then thank God (or your preferred higher power) for our freedom of speech. If it's a little louder than you like, walk away. Bullhorns only travel short distances.

If you are in total disagreement with what's being said, then do something about it. Grab your own bullhorn and get to preaching! Either way, don't be so easily offended and just appreciate the freedoms that we have.

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Today is Thursday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2005. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- Fifty years ago, on Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

- In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)
- In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.
- In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station opened, in Pittsburgh.
- In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.
- In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.
- In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.
- In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.
- In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.
- In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery

since World War II.

- In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

Ten years ago:

- Tens of thousands of people in Dublin, Ireland, warmly welcomed President Clinton to his ancestral homeland.
- The NATO alliance chose Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Solana to be its new secretary-general.

Five years ago:

- The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on a narrow question of Florida election law while the Florida Supreme Court and a circuit judge denied Al Gore's petitions for immediate recounts. Florida's high court also refused to order a new election in Palm Beach County, where a "butterfly ballot" drew protests from Democratic voters.
- Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

One year ago:

- Tom Brokaw signed off for the last time as principal anchor of the "NBC Nightly News"; he was succeeded by Brian Williams.
- Texas Gov. Rick Perry blocked the execution of Frances Newton two hours before she was to be lethally injected for the deaths of her husband and two young children so her lawyers can conduct new tests on evidence in the 17-year-old murder case. (Newton was executed in September 2005.)

Associated Press

Garrison Keillor THE OLD SCOUT

Writers and readers: unbearable intimacy

I got to put on a tux and go to the National Book Awards in New York a couple weeks ago and eat lamb chops in a hotel ballroom and breathe air recently exhaled by Toni Morrison and Norman Mailer and Lawrence Ferlinghetti and other greats and near-greats of the trade.

I was there as an innocent bystander, not a nominee (God forbid). Having never won a big prize, I am opposed to them on principle: they are an excrescence of commerce and a corruption of the purity of artistic creation.

If you can't be the creator of Harry Potter or the decoder of Da Vinci, winning a big prize is some consolation. It gives you reason to believe you may not have wasted your life after all.

The urge to write stuff and put it between covers is powerful, as one can see by the godawful books that emerge every day—vanity, thy name is publishing!—and anybody with the authorial urge ought to visit the underground stacks of a major public library and feel the chill of oblivion. Good writers such as Glenway Wescott, John Dos Passos, Caroline Gordon, gone, gone, gone. They had their shining moment and then descended into storage where they wait for years to be opened. Sometimes, to placate the ghosts, I take a book off the shelf that looks as if nobody's opened it for a few decades and I open it. And then I close it.

Emily Dickinson died unpublished and her work was rescued and eventually found its way from deep anonymity to the pantheon of American Lit, and now her grave in Amherst is one of the most beloved anywhere in the world. She is the patron saint of the meek and lonely. A devout unbeliever, she lies under a tombstone that says "Called Back," and here, every week, strangers come and place pebbles on her stone and leave notes to her folded into tiny squares. Perhaps they are unpublished poets, too. As Emily said, success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeed. She would have known about that.

People like to speculate about her love life but their chatter about that is dull stuff compared to the poems, the flies buzzing and the horses turning their heads toward eternity and the narrow fellow in the grass and "Hope is the thing with feathers" and all - the lady was a fine piece of Yankee free-thinking who dwelt in the richness of Victorian language. Through her poems, you can enter into the mind of New England, from which seeds blew westward and blossomed across the country. You read her and, whether you know it or not, your vision of America is elevated.

One reads books in order to gain the privilege of living more than one life. People who don't read are trapped in a mineshaft, even if they think the sun is shining. Most New Yorkers wouldn't travel to Minnesota if a bright star shone in the west and hosts of angels were handing out plane tickets, but they might read a book about Minnesota and thereby form some interesting and useful impression of us. This is the benefit of literacy. Life is lonely; it is less so if one reads.

I once got on the subway at 96th and Broadway in Manhattan and sat down opposite a handsome young African-American woman who was reading a book of mine. The train rattled along and I waited for her to smile or laugh but she didn't. She did, however, keep reading. I stayed on the train past 72nd and 42nd and 34th and finally it was too much for me—if she had slapped the book shut and tossed it away, it would've hurt me so awfully bad, so I got off at 14th and I was a more thoughtful man for the rest of the day. A writer craves readers, but what passes between him and them is so intimate that it's unbearable to sit and watch.

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Chad Bishop THE WEDNESDAY SMACK

See what had happened was...

So Sewak is out.

I have to admit, I didn't see it coming.

But it happened, and now everyone wants to know how did this happen, why did this happen and what the hell is going to happen now?

Here goes.

This happened because Coach

Sewak didn't meet expectations. He won, and he won a lot. He beat No. 1 ranked Furman this year. Led us to a 9-2 record a year before. Took us to the semi-finals in '02. Only missed the playoffs once in '03.

But for Eagle fans, players, boosters and the administration, that's not good enough.

Unfortunately, I agree.

Some critics call that unfair. But if that's unfair, GSU would settle for second-best, and we can't do that. Not now, not ever.

Everyone will remember this as "the firing because of Texas State." The Eagles blew a 35-16 second half lead and lost in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

But that's not the only reason. Sewak took over a 2002 Eagle team with a slew of senior's and a young Jermaine Austin. The Eagles reached the semifinals but fell to Western Kentucky.

Sewak caught a break; it was his first year.

In 2003, GSU missed the playoffs for the first time since 1996. The Eagles started 1-2 and lost on homecoming to The Citadel.

Sewak caught a break; the team was nagged by injuries.

In 2004, GSU went 9-2, but lost to Furman in Greenville when the coaching staff let the clock run out in the fourth quarter. To this day no explanation has been made as to why the Eagles never called their final timeout. The Eagles still gained a seed for the first round of the playoffs, before being upset by New Hampshire in the first round.

Sewak caught a break; the weather was bad and UNH was an upstart, talented team.

This year the Eagles started 1-2 again. Many fans complained the Eagles got the shaft having a first round game against the No. 4 seed Texas State on the road. But soon forgotten was the embarrassment that was Appalachian State and the fumbling away of a win at Wofford.

Sewak seemed to catch a break; the team is full of youth.

But that final break didn't come. Baker, the administrative staff and whoever else is involved in these kind of things saw a change was needed... immediately.

Coach ended his tenure at GSU 35-14, 23-7 in the SoCon, 7-4 in non-conference (including I-A Florida International) and 3-1 against Furman.

That's pretty good.

He also compiled a 2-3 record in the playoffs and a 1-3 record vs. Wofford.

That's not very good.

At other schools, that may get a coach a raise. Here, well... you know what happened.

Now the football Eagles are left without a football coach. I'm as good a candidate as you are reading this. All we can do now is wait.

Some say Chuck Nall from Auburn, Giff Smith from Georgia Tech or even Paul Hamilton from Elon (which, if happens, I'll have to shoot myself in the kneecap; it'll hurt less).

As for Coach Sewak, we wish you the best, and thank you for everything you did here while at the best school in the country. While people (like me) may be focusing on the negatives, don't ever forget the positives.

Good luck.



Chad Bishop is a senior English major from Snellville, GA. His sports column appears in The George-Anne every Wednesday.

Sewak

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Tuesday to hear the news from Baker. Rumors had already reached players' ears, however, and their response was "not very emotional, very business like" said Baker.

Players declined to give comment on the firing Tuesday, saying they weren't allowed.

Students and staff members were denied entry to Tuesday's press conference. The Lupton Building has a booster club members-only policy.

When a member asked a question Tuesday, he was abruptly quieted by Pat Osterman, the athletics media

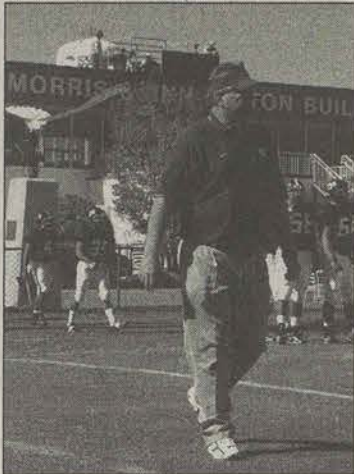
relations director.

A small search committee has been formed and will be comprised of Baker, Joe Franklin, vice president of business and finance; John Mulherin, Southern Booster president; and a community member. GSU President Bruce Grube will make the final decision.

"The goal is to find the best coach available as quickly as possible," said Baker.

Baker went on to say, "This is a program built on success. There are expectations... and they are high expectations."

The search for GSU's sixth head coach since 1982 will begin, "as quick as possible," said Baker.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Head Coach Mike Sewak leads the Eagles on to the field on Senior Day (Nov. 12). Unbeknown at the time, it was his last game in Paulson Stadium

Eagles put out Flames



Jared Siri/STAFF

Eagle senior Elton Nesbitt blows past an Illinois-Chicago defender during the second half of GSU's 89-69 win Monday night. Nesbitt finished the evening with 26 points in GSU's 14th straight win at Hanner Fieldhouse.

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern had five players score in double figures, leading the Eagles to an 89-69 win over Illinois-Chicago Monday night in Hanner Fieldhouse. The win marks the 14th straight victory in Statesboro for GSU.

GSU (4-2) scored the first five points of the game, starting an 11-5 run to open the contest. UIC (3-3) responded, scoring six unanswered points, tying the game at 11-11 with 15:12 to play in the opening half.

The Eagles answered, going on an 11-4 run, sparked by back to back three pointers from Elton Nesbitt.

Again, the Flames came back, tying the game at 22-22 with 8:18 to play in the half. The lead would change two more times before Illinois-Chicago saw its first lead of the night, as Othys Jeffers connected on a jumper with 3:05 on the clock, giving the Flames the 33-31 lead. The lead would switch hands four more times before the half ended, but a layup by Nesbitt with one second on the clock to put the game at a 40-40 tie at the break.

Nesbitt and Justin Bowen led all scorers with 13 each at the break. Illinois-Chicago, who was coming off a 73-51 win at Georgia Tech, shot 72.7 percent from the field while the Eagles shot 48.5 percent. GSU forced 14 UIC turnovers in the opening half.

The Eagles came out of the break on fire, scoring six straight points, including back to back Louis Graham jumpers. Jimmy Tobias' three pointer at the 18:09 mark put the Eagles up by seven, 49-42, but a pair of free throws by UIC's Bowen cut the Eagle lead to five, with 17:46 to play. The Eagles extended their lead to 14, 60-46, on another Tobias three with less than 14 minutes remaining in the game. The Flames cut the deficit to 12 on a Bowen jumper at the 10:29 mark, but it was as close as they would get. GSU rattled off a 13-6 run, including a pair of baskets by Dwayne Foreman,

giving the Eagles the 79-60 advantage with under five minutes remaining. UIC did not quit, as they put together an 8-2 rally late in the game. The Eagles sealed the game with a 9-1 run to end the game, giving GSU its 14th straight home victory, 89-69.

Nesbitt led all scorers with 26, including four three pointers. Tobias finished with a season high 13 points, Foreman tied his season high with 10 points, while Donte Gennie added 10 and Will Dunn had 13.

Bowen led the Flames with 23 points and 10 rebounds, while Jeffers finished with 13 points and Jovan Stefanov added 10.

The Eagles shot 62.7 percent (37-59) from the field, including a light's out 80.8 percent in the second half. GSU held UIC to 34.4 percent shooting in the second half, as they finished with 50.0 percent (27-54) on the night. The Flames out-rebounded the Eagles, 30-28.

GSU will travel to Springfield, Missouri, this weekend to take part in the Price Cutter Classic on the campus of Missouri State. The Eagles will face host school Missouri State on Friday and will play either South Florida or Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Saturday. Tip-off for Friday's game is set for 9 p.m. EST.

The game will be broadcast on 107.3 FM in Statesboro, with the pre-game show with GSU play-by-play announcer Ricky Ray and color analyst Frank Kerns beginning at

8:50 p.m.

SALAZAR SIDELINED

Junior forward Diogo Salazar will be out for the next 10 days due to surgery to repair a broken nose suffered against Augusta State, according to an announcement from head coach Jeff Price Tuesday morning.

"This is a major setback for our team," said Price. "It leaves us very thin in the post position. We will work through it over the next week and a half and look forward to his return."

Through six games this season, Salazar is averaging 3.3 points and 2.2 rebounds in 16 minutes a game.

Salazar will miss the Price Cutter Classic this weekend, but should return to the team for the Illinois State game on Dec. 10.

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Next home game:
December 14 vs. Jacksonville



Jared Siri/STAFF

The Hanner Hooligans (and GSU) partake in the pre-game ritual of letting the opposing team know "we don't care," when their starting line-up is announced.

The Candidates

An unofficial list of potential head coaches for the Georgia Southern football program

• Giff Smith— Defensive line coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology. A graduate of GSU in 1991, Smith was inducted into the GSU Hall of Fame in 2000.

• Hugh Nall— Offensive line coach at Auburn University. Coached the Eagles alongside Erk Russell from 1981-1984.

• Chris Hatcher— Head Coach at Valdosta State University

• Desmond Robinson— Running backs coach at Syracuse University.

—All candidates are listed purely on rumor and hearsay. None of these persons has officially been contacted by the university.

GSU NEWS AND NOTES

SWIM & DIVE

The already strong segment of breaststrokes on the Georgia Southern Swimming & Diving team will be bolstered next season when Ashley White of Charlotte, North Carolina will join the squad. The senior from South Mecklenburg High School has signed a National Letter of Intent, head coach Nate Kellogg announced Wednesday, (Nov. 30th).

White's other events include the individual medley and sprint freestyle. She has competed on the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club under the guidance of Coach Dave Gibson and has twice been named a Scholastic All-American, carrying above a 3.5 GPA for the past two consecutive years.

TRACK & FIELD

The Georgia Southern Track & Field team received National Letters of Intent from two top recruits late last week, head coach Shaun Meinecke announced.

Jessica Irizarry (Kennesaw/Harrison) will be the newest addition to the 2006 Eagle throwers roster. Irizarry currently competes on the Atlanta club team of "Throw 1 Deep". She specializes in the Hammer and Javelin events and finished third at this year's Nike Outdoor Nationals in Javelin with a throw of 131-00.

Melanie Trumbo (Lilburn/Brookwood) will join the squad after finishing as the state runner-up in the High Jump. Trumbo's personal best high jump stands at 5 feet, 7 inches.

FOOTBALL

Georgia Southern fullback Jermaine Austin (Darien/McIntosh County) finished in a tie for 11th place in the voting for the Walter Payton Award. The prestigious trophy is given to the top offensive player in NCAA Division I-AA football.

Austin finished his senior year with a personal-best 1,546 yards on 233 carries. He averaged 6.6 yards per attempt and scored 14 TDs in all.

Austin ends his career second in Eagle history and sixth among the I-AA career rushing leaders with 5,411 yards.

Lady Eagles beat Gamecocks

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern senior Nicole Newton scored 13 of her 16 points in the second half, including eight straight in the final two and a half minutes as the Lady Eagles earned their first win of the season, 73-66, over South Carolina Tuesday night at the Colonial Center.

GSU (1-3) snaps a 13-game losing streak to the Gamecocks (2-3), dating back to the 1980-81 season and earn the school's first win over an SEC school since Nov. 27, 1987.

The Lady Eagles rallied from a 13-point deficit in the first half.

Down by eight (37-29) at half-time, GSU came out firing, scoring the first six points of the half, four by sophomore Shawnda Atwood.

South Carolina pushed the lead up to seven, 46-39 at the 11:52 mark, on a three-pointer by Lea Fabbri, but a 7-0 run by the Lady Eagles tied the score.

Sophomore Fallon Lee contributed five of those points, capping off the rally with a steal and layup with 9:05 to play.

A three pointer by senior Lee DuBose put GSU up for the first time since the opening moments of the game, 49-47, but the lead was short-lived as Stacy Booker responded with a trifecta of her own and USC regained the lead 50-49 with 7:20 to play.

South Carolina eventually went up by three, 54-51, but a three point play from DuBose knotted the score and back-to-back buckets by freshman Ashley Melson gave the Lady Eagles the lead for the final time.

Newton started her scoring run at the 2:23 mark and her three-point play put GSU up by seven with 1:44 to go.

She failed to convert another three point play the next trip down

the court after another trey by Booker, but the lead was still six. Booker, who scored 15 of her game-high 20 in the final half, hit yet another three and USC trailed by three, 67-64 with one minute on the clock.

Newton went to the line again, and made one-of-two, but this time Booker couldn't respond, missing a three pointer. Freshman Tiffany Brown grabbed the rebound and hit one of two free throws.

Lauren Simms' layup with 26 seconds left was USC's final points of the contest. Atwood and Newton iced the contest at the line and GSU came away winners.

Brown led four Lady Eagles in double figures with 17, while Newton and DuBose added 16, and 15 respectively. Lee had 12 points.

Both teams struggled to score in the early going as USC led 5-3 after four minutes of play.

Despite a considerable height advantage, the Gamecocks held just a 12-10 rebounding margin in the opening moments, but eventually the frontcourt, all measuring at least six-foot-four, dominated the boards the rest of the way and held a 28-21 advantage at the half.

South Carolina turned up the defensive pressure in the last six minutes, forcing 12 GSU turnovers into 17 easy points. The USC press shut down the GSU offense and helped open up a 13-point lead.

Brown led all players in scoring at the break with 12 points. DuBose had nine at halftime, accounting for two of the team's five 3-pointers. GSU had more three-pointers (5) than two-point buckets (3) in the first 20 minutes.

GSU (1-3) continues its 12-game road trip Saturday, opening up Southern Conference play at College of Charleston.

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Panthers look to stop Vick

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

No player frustrates the Carolina Panthers quite like Michael Vick does.

No matter how good their defense or what schemes they develop to stop him, nothing ever works.

Vick is a perfect 5-0 in his career starts against Carolina, and the Falcons have lost only once to the Panthers since they drafted him in 2001. But Vick missed that 2003 game with a leg injury.

So as Carolina (8-3) prepares to host Atlanta (7-4) in Sunday's big NFC South showdown, finally finding a way to contain Vick is the only thing on the Panthers' minds.

"He's game-changer," defensive end Mike Rucker said Wednesday. "If that offense is sputtering a little bit, he's got the spark that can change it. We've seen that firsthand."

Indeed they have. In Vick's five starts against Carolina, he's done most of his damage on the ground. Vick has run 40 times for 356 yards _ 8.9 yards per carry. He's also passed for 925 yards and four touchdowns.

The Panthers are still smarting from their last meeting, when Vick single-handedly ended Carolina's frantic push to make the playoffs.

Trailing by a touchdown and down to their final play, Vick scrambled for a 12-yard score on fourth-and-goal to send the game into overtime. The play made all the highlight reels, with Vick spotting an opening up the middle, then running for the end zone. He had to dive across the goal line, and the officials reviewed the play to see if he was down before scoring. Replays showed he somehow kept his left knee suspended about an inch above the turf as he stretched out for the end zone.

"It was a great play," Vick said Wednesday. "I think they thought I was going to throw the ball and they didn't account for me and there was nobody up the middle. I was able to get up the middle with enough speed and able to keep my balance."

"It was a big play for us. It was one of the best plays of my career. It came at a great time."

Not everyone is so enamored of that play, though.

"People do that all of the time in football," defensive tackle Brentson Buckner said. "The man dove 2 yards into the end zone and if you all want to call it hovering or flying, then so be it."

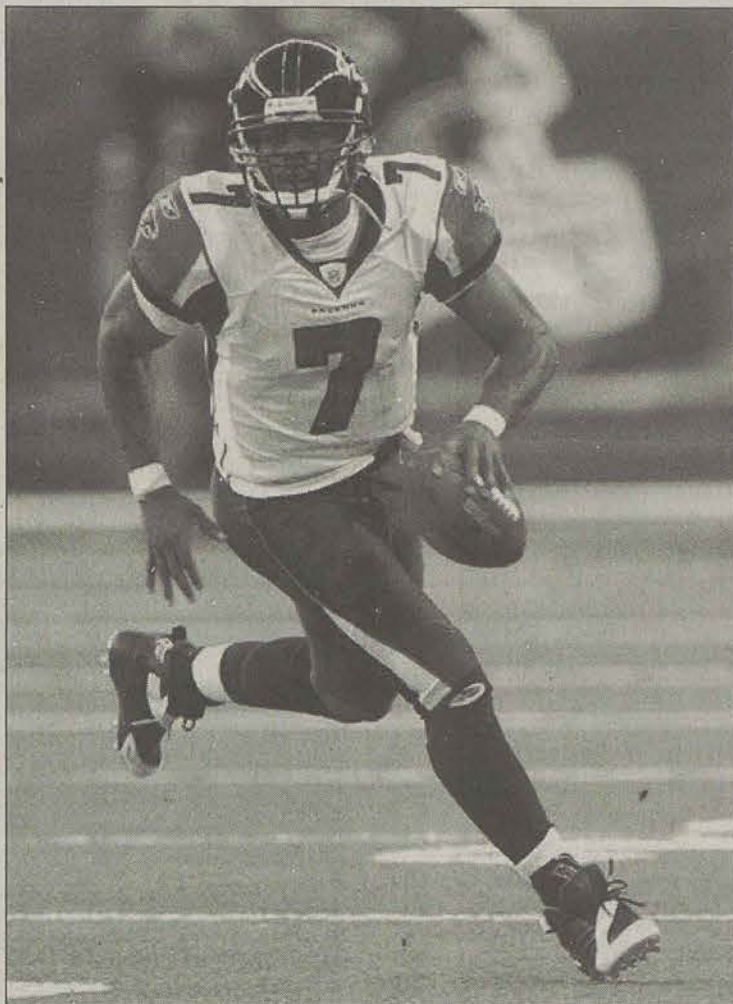
"But I've seen that on the top 10 plays on NFL Prime Time every Sunday."

Forgive the Panthers if they're a little weary of all the Vick talk. They realize they've struggled to contain him and they understand doing so now will be critical to the rest of their season.

They currently hold a one-game lead in the NFC South, but play the Falcons twice in their final five games. The division title and playoff seeds could be determined by the outcome of those two meetings.

So as Panther after Panther grew weary of the Vick questions Wednesday, defensive coordinator Mike Trgovac defended his unit, insisting Vick hasn't become a mental problem with his players.

"We've had great games with them and we've put a lot of good hits on him," Trgovac said. "When you



AP Photo/Paul Sancya

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick looks for running room against the Detroit Lions in the first quarter in Detroit, Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005.

watch the tapes, it's not just us that he's making plays on. He makes plays on everybody. It's like last year when he made the great play at the end. We were in good position, but he made a great play.

"Hopefully you make more plays than he does, but he's going to make some plays. You can't stop a guy like that every play. He's too talented."

Carolina could be at a disadvantage Sunday because linebacker Dan Morgan is questionable with an ankle sprain that caused him to miss last week's win at Buffalo. Morgan, the Panthers' leading tackler, is one of their fastest defenders and the likely candidate to stop Vick once out of the pocket.

If Morgan can't play, he'll be replaced by Chris Draft, a free agent addition who spent the past five seasons in Atlanta lining up across from Vick every day at practice.

Draft has never actually tackled Vick; the Falcons have always prohibited the defense from touching him in practice. But he's seen what Vick can do up close and knows the key to stopping him is keeping him in the pocket.

"He does a lot of it with his legs," Draft said. "That's one thing we have to do is make sure he's pinned in a little bit, make him throw. He's got a cannon, but we've got to make him throw."

Not even that is safe anymore. The Falcons have worked on developing Vick into more of a pocket passer this season, and his 57.1 completion percentage is a career high. Vick declined to discuss the improvement Wednesday, saying only "I'm getting better. That's it."

He also doesn't want to discuss past meetings with the Panthers, or Atlanta's streak of three straight victories and 12 wins in the past 14 meetings.

"It doesn't matter _ you've got to win the next one," he said. "The past doesn't matter. Nobody is going to talk about the past. You're going to talk about the present and the future, so let's talk about what's to come."

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Vonage misses 911 service deadline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Vonage Holdings Corp., the nation's largest provider of Internet phone service, and several smaller companies could be barred from signing up new customers in many markets because they failed to meet a deadline to provide reliable emergency 911 service to all subscribers.

AT&T Inc. also didn't meet the deadline.

The Federal Communications Commission had given providers of Internet-based phone service 120 days to comply with its order requiring enhanced 911, or E911, in all their service areas.

The deadline to show the government where E911 is available was Monday. House and Senate lawmakers had urged FCC Chairman Kevin Martin to give companies more time and more tools to speed deployment, but no extension was granted.

In its compliance report to the

FCC, Vonage said only 26 percent of its customer base had full E911 services. The company — which has more than 1 million subscribers — said it was capable of transmitting a callback number and location for 100 percent of its subscribers, but it still was waiting for cooperation from competitors that control the 911 network.

Vonage should have two-thirds of its customers with full E911 capabilities in the next 30 days, the company said.

AT&T told the FCC that 65 percent of its customer base had E911 service. AT&T offers Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, to about 57,000 customers through its CallVantage service.

SunRocket, which has more than 50,000 subscribers nationwide, said it had equipped 96 percent of its customers with full 911 services.

Citing public safety concerns, the FCC in May ordered companies selling VoIP to ensure that callers can reach an emergency dispatcher when they

dial 911. The dispatchers also must be able to tell where callers are located and the numbers from which they are calling.

VoIP providers were told that if they failed to meet the deadline they could no longer market their service or accept new customers in areas that didn't have enhanced 911. They will not have to disconnect current customers who don't have full 911 service, as some providers had feared.

The FCC wouldn't discuss possible enforcement actions against offending companies. "At this stage, the agency is focused on the compliance filings by VoIP providers," spokesman David Fiske said.

Voice over Internet Protocol shifts calls from wires and switches, using computers and broadband connections to convert sounds into data and transmit them via the Internet. In many cases, subscribers use conventional phones hooked up to high-speed Internet lines. But the service can be mobile, making it difficult to

ensure the call goes to the correct local emergency center.

There are about 3.6 million VoIP users in the United States. Of those, about half get their service from cable TV companies that already provide enhanced 911 capabilities. Other providers offer a 911 service that directs emergency calls to a general administrative number, but those lines haven't always been staffed around the clock.

The order applies to VoIP that uses the public phone network to place and terminate calls.

BRIEFLY



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BELTWAY PROPOSED FOR ATLANTA

An image provided by The Beltline Partnership shows an artist's rendering of proposed light-rail lines on a portion of Atlanta's proposed Beltline Project. The \$2.1 billion program could propel Atlanta from the bottom of the pack of major cities in green space to square in the middle.

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-B.A., Psychology/History, Austin College, 1967

Dr. Teresa E. Thompson

Currently Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Georgia Southern.

•Education:

-M.S., Educational Leadership, Mississippi State University, 1997
-Post-baccalaureate course work, Biology teacher certification, Wake Forest University, 1983

-B.S., Physical Education, Mississippi University for Women, 1981

-Ph.D., Educational Administration, focus on Higher Education, University of Southern Mississippi, 2000.

TAKE PART

Dr. Schroeder will speak at an open forum on Monday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. in CIT room 1005.

Homicide

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She said the 23-year-old — if granted bond — would be granted a due process hearing if he opted to re-enroll in the spring.

News of the couple's death gripped the community last week as rumors spread quickly.

Family members said Jack Futch had been diagnosed with cancer within the last year. His daughter had been caring for him over the last year, according to Futch's cousin Henry Tankersley.

One other family member, who asked that their name not be used, said the couple was planning to sell their sprawling Register home within days of the homicide.



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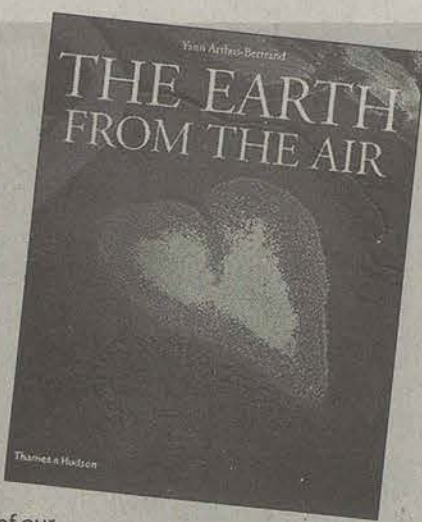
Books, DVDs and CDs

Submitted by: Adam Crisp

Book: Earth from above

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DVD: The Oprah Winfrey Show – 20th Anniversary

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Electronics

Submitted by: Rachel Weeks

Game Boy Micro Console

Found at www.nintendo.com for The Game Boy Micro sports portability and comfort, all in the palm of your hands, or the pocket of your tightest jeans. The layout of the system returns to the original Game Boy Advance layout. The directional pad is on the left side of the screen and the "A" and "B" button are on the right side of the screen. The screen for the Micro is 2 inches tall and backlit so the brightness can be adjusted to indoor or outdoor lighting. The system measures 4 inches wide, 2 inches tall and weighs 2.8 ounces.



Gifts for your siblings

Submitted by: Morgan Marsh

Digital Print Photo Album

Whether your siblings are older or younger, chances are you've been seeing a lot less of them since going away to college. Give a more sentimental gift that they can keep adding to over the years. You can even start the album for them by adding a few pictures of you from school and some family pictures from the holiday breaks. For the more crafty brother or sister, a scrapbook is a more creative choice, but along the same general idea. "Albumsource" photo albums and scrapbooks come in many different shapes, sizes, styles and colors, accommodate all different size photographs, and many can be personalized.

\$19.00 from www.albumsource.com.

Jigsaw Puzzle: "Aliens Among Us"

Jigsaw puzzles are always safe gifts for younger siblings, but because they come in all different difficulty levels and puzzle-piece numbers, they can be fun for the whole family when you're sitting around the house for the holidays. A newer, more interesting kind is the glow-in-the-dark puzzle. When completed, these puzzles glow in the dark to reveal another layer of colors that displays an altered image, or even a completely different picture. "Aliens Among Us" is a 100-piece, 11" x 16" puzzle appropriate for ages 5 and up. It's a classroom scene with children who, in the dark, turn into alien students. Other glow-in-the-dark puzzles include animals, dragons, glittery fairy tale scenes and famous artwork. "Are You Game" puzzles also come in the more difficult 3-D form.

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Clothing for men

Submitted by: Miguel Fuller

Tees – Short Sleeve

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VGA hosts 'Free 4 All'

By Victoria W. Felder
Staff writer

Has it been a stressful semester for you and your friends? Are you ready to let loose before studying for finals?

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The VGA "Free 4 All" is to be held Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Russell Union Ballroom. Entry will start at 5:30 p.m. with gameplay ending at 10:15 p.m. The entry fee for this gaming event is two non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Statesboro Food Bank.

For more information on Video Gamers Alliance, please visit <http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/vga> or contact Victoria Felder on facebook.com.

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Ten tips to stretch your holiday dollar

By Betty Lin Fisher

KRT Campus

The holidays are upon us and that means spending. The National Retail Federation estimates that the average consumer plans to spend \$738.11 this season, up 5.1 percent from last year. Here are some tips to help you stretch your holiday dollar so you're not crying over your bills in January.

1. Start shopping now.

Shopping early will protect you from impulse or last-minute buys, which are often expensive. Make a budget, write out your list — and stick to it.

2. Cut down on your discretionary spending.

Skip the daily latte or pack your lunch. If you skip your \$3 morning latte, you'll save \$15 a week.

3. Use cash to control your spending.

If you don't pay off your credit card each month, buy your gifts using cash and leave the credit cards at home. This will force you to budget and make overspending more obvious.

4. Turn in reward points for gifts.

Cash in your reward points for presents such as gift cards. Cash in your airline frequent flier miles for

magazine subscriptions and other gifts.

5. Use credit judiciously.

If you do use credit responsibly, paying with credit can also be a gift to you, if you have a credit card that accumulates rewards. Keep a running tally of what you're charging so you won't be surprised by a huge credit card bill. Shop with no more than two credit cards, preferably low-interest rate cards and not the expensive department store cards.

6. Check company perks.

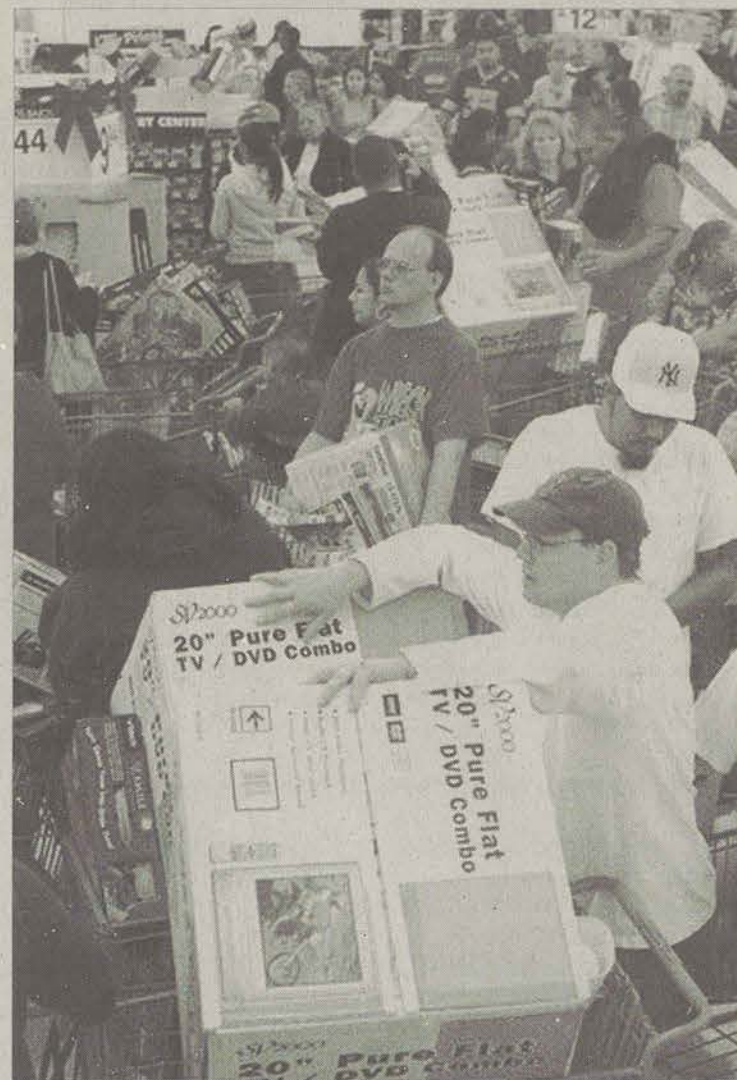
Check with your company's human resources department to see if your company has any partnerships with retailers for employee discounts.

7. Be careful when accepting tempting offers such as skip a payment, buy now and pay later.

Taking advantage of a creditor's offer to skip a payment doesn't make any headway on your debt. In the end, your creditors are getting a present from you. If you go for a deferred payment plan, make sure you pay off your balance before the due date, or you'll be paying a lot in interest. Lots of retailers offer discounts if you open a credit card. If you plan to pay that off right away, you can consider it, but also know that opening a lot of credit cards will affect your credit score.

8. Turn your loose change into gifts.

The average American has \$99 in spare change lying around the house, according to Coinstar, which operates the self-service coin counting machines at many grocery stores. Normally, Coinstar charges an 8.9 percent processing fee to turn your loose coins into cash. But you can get the full value of your coins if you request a gift certificate to Amazon.com. In the some areas, you can get the Amazon.com e-certificate at



AP Photo/Jack Kurtz

Garrett Freebourn, center, stands in the checkout line with carts full of TVs at a Wal-Mart in Tempe, Ariz., Friday morning.

participating grocery stores.

9. Don't forget to calculate the extras.

When you're budgeting for gifts, don't forget to include taxes, gift-wrapping and shipping costs. According to Visa USA Research, less than 21 percent of consumers plan for "incidental" expenses such as postage, greeting cards and wrapping paper.

10. Ship presents early.

Ship early to avoid steep overnight

charges. Comparison shop for shipping. If you know the dimensions and weight of the package, you can comparison shop online. Some companies will pick up your package for free. If you can ship your package in a flat-rate envelope or small box, then you can ship anything up to 70 pounds for \$3.85 for the envelope and \$7.70 for the box. Priority mail gifts must be shipped by Dec. 21 to ensure delivery by Christmas.

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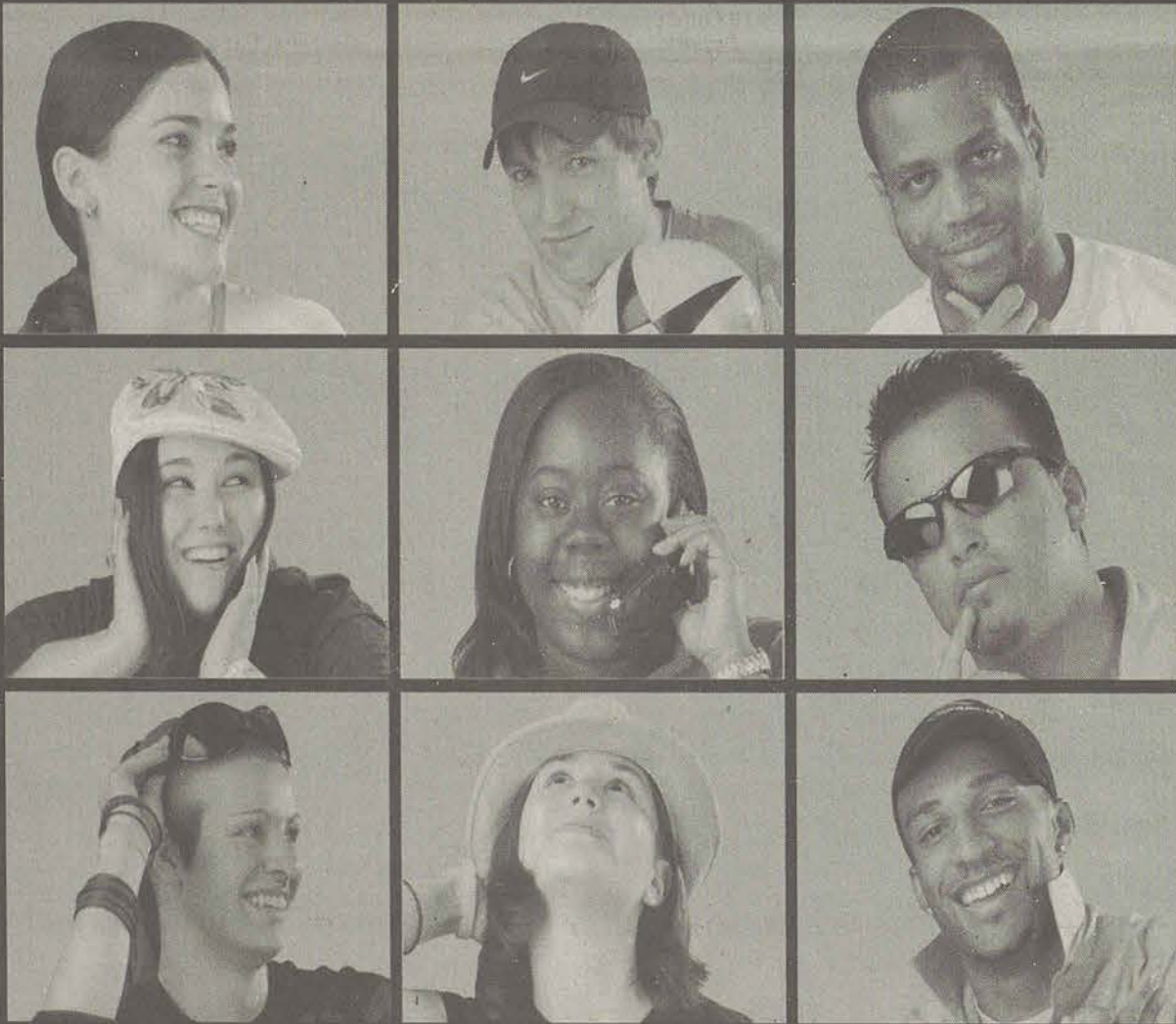
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—Matthew O. Bryant, Kennedy RA

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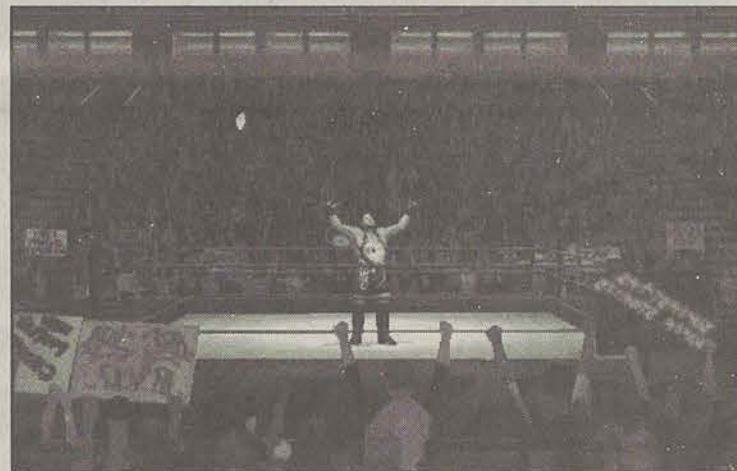
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VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Special Photo

A screen from 'Smackdown vs. Raw' for PS2.

'Smackdown vs. Raw' is right game for fans

By Darren Jones

Staff writer

WWE Smackdown vs. Raw '06
'Bring on the Pain'

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Grade - 4 of 5

★★★★★

Smackdown vs. Raw 2006 for PS2 seems like it has a lot to offer.

Just a glance at the main menu makes this clear as, in addition to the many different types of wrestling matches you can engage in (and there are a lot, including hell in a cell and buried alive), you can also do things other than wrestle.

In the new GM mode, you play the role of the general manager signing superstars and balancing budgets. Your success in GM mode depends on your fan rating and how well you compete with the rival brand.

This seems to have a lot of potential, but whether it is actually rewarding depends on how much substance is involved and just how challenging it is.

Do you get to see all the fanfare of the big name matches and PPV events or is it all text-based? Is there any type of payoff for entering this mode or is it just tacked on? I would like to answer these questions, but since time is limited I'll just get on with the best part: the fighting.

The graphics engine is easily the best I have ever seen on any system. All the wrestlers look just like their real life counterparts, from the colorful spandex to the glistening sweat. Animations are smooth and refined, running at what looks like an excellent framerate, even with more than two brawlers in the ring.

Sound seemed like a mixed bag. The

music is authentic enough, so whether it's good or not depends on whether or not you really dig those wrestling entrance songs (I can jam out to "I am a Real American").

The match commentary given by Jerry "The King" Lawler and good ol' JR was varied for the time I played it, but most of the time it had nothing to do with the match at hand and at some points their responses to each other didn't make any sense.

Gameplay shines as well. Gone are the days where all you had to worry about was your health and special move meter. Now there are many more factors to consider — namely your stamina, honor and showmanship.

Pull off the same moves over and over, powerful or not, and the crowd will turn on you for being boring. Hitting below the belt while playing as a heel will build the momentum in your favor, but don't try that as a good guy.

It's refreshing to know that matches play out more like a game of chess than checkers.

My impression of Smackdown vs. Raw 2006 is that while it probably has its flaws, it's just what any wrestling fan would want: a hell of a lot of fighting in a nice-looking package.

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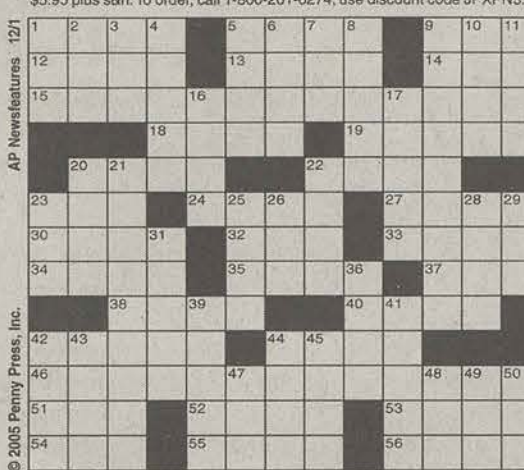
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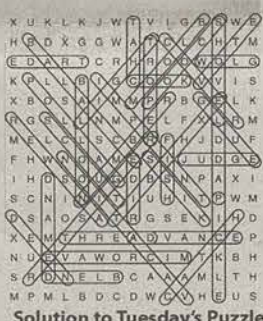
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Weekly Eagle Buzz



Thursday, December 1st

Video Gamers Alliance is sponsoring a Free 4 All play at 5:30pm in the RU Ballroom. There will be several games set up including Halo 2, Soul Calibur, Burnout: Revenge, and many more. Free admission, but please bring two canned goods. Call Victoria for more information at 478-318-1894.

8pm in Russell Union Theatre-Forty Year Old Virgin (\$2.00 Entry Fee)-REEL CINEMA

Friday, December 2nd

Hilton Head Shopping Outlet Day Trip- SOUTHERN TRAVEL * FREE - sign-up in the Office of Student Activities for a spot on the bus.

Monday, December 5th

CRI is sponsoring 5 minute massages from 6pm-8pm in the RAC. Take a break from finals week and come get a free 5 minute massage. Call 681-5436 for more information.

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Ongoing events

The Baptist Student Union sponsors FAT Thursday on every Thursday at 7pm at the BSU. For more information contact Lori Holt at 912-246-0367 or allsmileslo@yahoo.com. This program is for Freshman and Transfer Students to come and fellowship in a coffeehouse setting. This is a FREE event.

General Announcements:

Changes in HOPE Book Allowance

We are pleased to announce that effective Spring 2006, HOPE Scholarship recipients will be able to use their HOPE book allowance at the University Store to purchase books and required supplies.

In previous semesters, the HOPE book allowance was applied to unpaid tuition, fees, housing and meals on the student account. This change will affect most HOPE recipients by increasing the amount due on your student account. It is extremely important that you review your online invoice at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/>. Log into WINGS, choose Student Services and Financial Aid, Registration Invoice and Web Payment, and 200601 for the term. The HOPE book allowance will NOT be subtracted to calculate your balance due. Any amount showing as a balance due must be paid on or before January 9, 2006 to prevent cancellation of classes. A refund due on your online invoice requires no payment. Excess funds will be remitted to you after class attendance is verified and bookstore credit charges are processed for the term.

You may charge spring 2006 books and required supplies at the University Store from December 14, 2005, through January 18, 2006. Any unused proceeds for spring will be remitted to you at your campus post office box after attendance has been verified.

Your HOPE book allowance available at the University Store will be dependent upon

- Your continuing HOPE eligibility
 - The number of hours enrolled. If you take 6 or more hours, your available book allowance will be \$150. Less than 6 hours will entitle you to a \$75 book allowance
- The above change is facilitated by changes in the HOPE regulations as administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Questions should be directed to Financial Aid, (912) 681-5413 and the Office of Student Fees, (912) 681-0999.

The Office of Leadership Programs invites students to apply for the Truman and Goldwater Scholarships. The nationally competitive Goldwater Scholarship is for students wanting to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and the Truman Scholarship is for students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. To be considered for nomination, materials must be received by JANUARY 9, 2006. Contact Steve Engel at 486-7926 for any questions or visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/honors/fellowships.html> for additional information.

University Housing is currently accepting Resident Advisor Applications. They will be due before 5pm at the Watson Housing Office. Be the newest RA in the group! The RA position is a fun leadership opportunity! RA applications are being accepted for 2006-07 positions. Applications due by January 27, 2006. For more application and information go to www.gsuhousing.com or contact Janna McDonald at 912-681-5406 or jmcdonald@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

December 1	Deadline for Spring Semester 2006 Undergraduate Admission Application	January 2	New Years Day observed
December 1	Last day of classes	January 4	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
December 2	Reading Day	January 6	Academic Standards Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
December 5-8	Final exams	January 7	Residence hall check in, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 8	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic thesis or dissertation to College of Graduate Studies	January 7	New Student Orientation and Registration, Russell Union, 8:00 a.m. NOTE: Enrolled and former students should refer to WINGS (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/registrar/) for specific registration times.
December 8	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2006 graduation	January 9	Fee payment deadline for Spring Semester 2006
December 9	Residence halls close at 12:00 p.m.	January 9	Classes begin (First Day of University Classes)
December 9	Commencement	January 9-12	Drop/Add
December 10	Christmas break for students begins	January 13	\$50 Late Registration Fee begins
December 15	Employee Tuition Assistance Program registration for Spring 2006, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rosenwald Building, second floor, or by web beginning at 3:30 p.m.	January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday - Administrative offices closed - No classes
Dec. 26-30	Christmas Holidays - Administrative offices closed	January 17	Attendance Verification Deadline for classes starting January 9-13
SPRING 2006		January 23	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during Drop/Add period
Dec. 8, 2005	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2006 graduation	February 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Summer 2006 admission

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Southern's Next Top Model named in final showdown

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

Thirteen contestants started Southern's Next Top Model, but only one made it to the top.

Last Monday, Nov 21, Danielle Crute was named Southern's Next Top Model and given a grand prize including \$200 from the Joker's Wild, \$50 to the University Store and a \$250 scholarship.

During the final week of competition the girls learned about male modeling. They were then put to the test by taking their final photograph dressed as men, complete with facial hair, baggy pants and hats. During their final test they posed with men.

"With an allowance of only three pictures from the normal 40, the girls had to take one photo which showed dominance over the man, one showing submission to the man, and one illustrating balance between her and the man," said Steven Austin, creator of the competition.

All three girls awaited judging at the finale party, hosted in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The show started off with all 13 of the contestants walking the runway while a slideshow of the competition played.

Austin gave a history of the competition and then introduced the final three contestants and the judging panel. After the introduction, the girls were critiqued by the panel.

Nneka received mixed reviews about her test. Some liked her pose in the picture, but others weren't impressed by her inability to take control of the male model. Her picture also received average reviews.

Kim also received poor test reviews. The judges commented that she didn't sell her look. Her picture on the other hand received rave reviews.

Danielle got the best test critiques. All the judges seemed to like her shots and she was complimented on doing well in all 40 pictures. After deliberating, the judges chose Danielle and

Kim as the final two.

The two remaining models were then tested on their runway walk, where they had to dress as drag queens. "Danielle wore a purple and orange ensemble, complete with a flowerpot headdress. Kim followed in platform shoes, a wig and a boa. Her dress was black and white with a very large checkered pattern," said Austin.

In the end the judges decided to name Danielle Southern's Next Top Model.

"Danielle won because of her apparent drive that manifested itself in her pictures. Her personality is heartwarming, but not overbearing, and she is a great representative for Georgia Southern University," said Austin.

While this season of Southern's Next Top Model has come to a close, the competition will be back Spring Semester for "Southern's Next Top Model: Extreme Edition."

Applications are available by e-mailing the_jokers_wild_gsu@yahoo.com.

Sit back and relax at the finals feast

GSU News Service

Eagle Entertainment will present the Finals Feast on Monday, Dec. 5, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The Finals Feast is a bi-annual tradition held at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

It is a breakfast-at-night buffet served to students by the administrators at Georgia Southern. The menu for the buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, eggs, grits, and biscuits with gravy.

The event began as a way to help students relax during one of the most stressful times in college - finals," said Angela Leaphart, team leader in charge of the event.

We are anticipating between 350-450 students joining in the festivities." In addition to food, free massages and door prizes will be available. Finals Feast is free and open to all GSU students.

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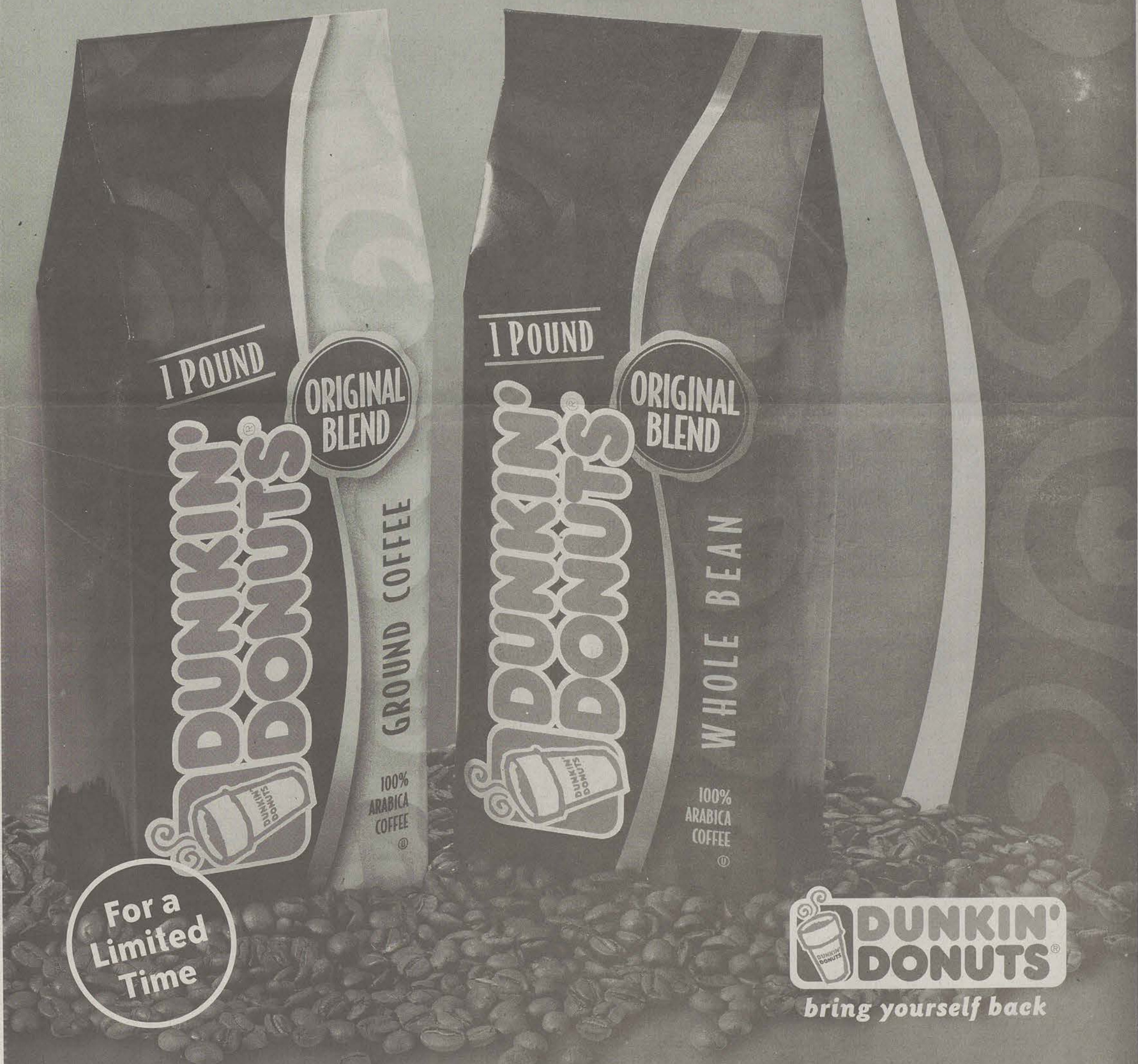
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ALL AROUND TOP TEN

Songs, Movies, TV, DVDs

Songs

1. Run It! - Chris Brown
2. Gold Digger - Kanye West feat. Jamie Foxx
3. My Humps - The Black Eyed Peas
4. Soul Survivor - Young Jeezy Feat. Akon
5. Photograph - Nickelback
6. Laffy Taffy - D4L
7. Hung Up - Madonna
8. We Be Burnin' - Sean Paul
9. Because of You - Kelly Clarkson
10. Stickwitu - The Pussycat Dolls

Movies

1. Chicken Little
2. Zathura
3. Derailed
4. Get Rich or Die Tryin'
5. Jarhead
6. Saw 2
7. The Legend of Zorro
8. Prime
9. Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story
10. Pride and Prejudice

TV

1. Desperate Housewives (ABC)
2. CSI (CBS)
3. CSI: Miami (CBS)
4. Grey's Anatomy (ABC)
5. Cold Case (CBS)
6. Without a Trace (CBS)
7. Law and Order: SVU (NBC)
8. Lost (ABC)
9. NFL Monday Night Football (ABC)
10. Survivor: Guatemala (CBS)

DVDs

1. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Widescreen)
2. Star Wars Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (Widescreen)
3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Full Screen)
4. Christmas with The Kranks
5. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Deluxe 2 Disc Edition)
6. Star Wars Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (Full Screen)
7. The Devil's Rejects (Unrated Version)
8. Beavis and Butt-Head - The Mike Judge Collection: Vol. 1
9. Herbie: Fully Loaded
10. Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (Special Edition)

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Aeon Flux

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(5:30), 7:45, 10:00

Chicken Little

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(5:00), 7:00, 9:00

Harry Potter: Goblet of Fire

Rated PG-13, 157 min
(4:50), 6:15, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15

Jarhead

Rated R, 123 min.
7:10, 9:55

Just Friends

Rated PG-13, 94 min
(5:35), 7:50, 10:05

Pride and Prejudice

Rated PG-13, 128 min
(4:25), 7:15, 10:00

Rent

Rated PG-13, 135 min
(4:15), 7:10, 10:15

Saw 2

Rated R, 91 min
(5:30), 7:40, 9:55

Walk the Line

Rated PG-13, 136 min.
(4:10), 7:05, 10:00

Yours, Mine and Ours

Rated PG, 88 min
(5:20), 7:30, 9:40

Zathura

Rated PG, 95 min
(4:10)

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Steppin' with Ciara

Ciara, Bobby Valentino, Killer Mike and GSU performers brought down the house with a stunning show at Paulson stadium



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Teen Choice award winner Ciara brought her musical talents to Statesboro for a memorable concert.

By Marcy Thornton
Staff writer

If you ask the attendees, the Friday, Nov. 18 concert was a rousing success. Despite low attendance and frosty 38 degree weather, there was unmistakable excitement running through the crowd that had huddled together on the home side bleachers of Paulson Stadium. Still, the intimate setting was shocking to some.

Rebecca Brown, a junior, said, "We were shocked that not many people had bought tickets." Others were undaunted. Charita Harty and Richard Verdree, two Armstrong Atlantic students that made the trip to come see Ciara live, said it best, "We're very excited, but it's cold as hell!"

The crowd was exuberant in their praising of each artist, breaking into thunderous applause each time a new act took the stage. One of the most enthusiastic supporters was James Fontaine II, age 10. He said, "I really like Ciara. I'm going to tell my friends it was good." His father, James Fontaine I, who supervises the campus bus system, brought his two children

"To tell you the truth, it wasn't any different than when I'm by myself. The crowd let me know they were feelin' it, and it was just like rappin' in the shower."

Chenario "Skinny C" Abrams
Hip-hop artist

for one reason: "We love Ciara!"

Even though the big-name acts had sold the tickets, most of those present were at least equally excited about the local performers. James Burdick, a graduate student at GSU, was especially excited to see hip-hop dancer Chris Woodhouse. He said, "Chris was on my Intramural Basketball team. [I want to] see what he's gonna do." LaRonda Jenkins, a member of Eagle Entertainment, was very impressed with GSU Idol winner Ivari Lewis. She said, "She has a very nice, very soulful voice." Tiffany Cone, another Event Staff member, said it

was a nice opportunity for all of the student performers to get some good exposure. "They're all really popular around campus. It's good to see them perform."

Of course, the student entertainers were just as excited to be performing before such an energetic crowd, as were the big-name artists. Fresh from the stage and still full of adrenaline, artist Tedrick "Tetris" Kelly said, "I feel great. The crowd was into us like we were the real deal!" Ben Carter, another member of Chris Woodhouse's dance team "Boomsquad," said, "It's always a thrill to perform for a GSU audience. [They're] like no other."

Hip-hop artist Chenario "Skinny C" Abrams had a slightly different view of his first big show: "To tell you the truth, it wasn't any different than when I'm by myself. The crowd let me know they were feelin' it, and it was just like rappin' in the shower."

Even hip-hop artist Killer Mike couldn't get over the intense enthusiasm of the GSU crowd. His last words when leaving the stage said it all, "GSU! I love you!"



Chase Lanier/STAFF

Tedrick "Tetris" Kelly (center) performing at the Ciara concert at Paulson stadium.

DOWN SOUTH

The perfect gift for your loved ones, naughty and nice

I noticed its sneaky arrival upon my first trip to the mall before Thanksgiving. The red velvet, the twinkling white lights, the poinsettias, the upbeat music - it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas folks. While for most, this time of year signifies a certain mood of unabashed glee, others immediately begin to panic and stress over that universal question "What do I get Michael/Jennifer for Christmas?!" I was contemplating this fact on Black Friday, while I stood at the head of a 200 person line at Macy's...at five in the morning.

I knew I was going to be trampled, and I didn't even want to go to Macy's. In fact, I didn't need to go anywhere near Macy's. I needed to be at home in my warm bed, but not here, not at Macy's, not fearing



Kori Ramsey
is a junior from Roswell. She writes 'Down South' for The Hiatus on Thursdays.

for my life as the lights turned on and the crowd began to riot. And all for what? To buy a coffee pot for \$19?

The doors opened and you would have thought the gates of Heaven were opening; people were screaming and stampeding inside. I lost my mother somewhere in the confusion and fearing that she may be a Day-After-Thanksgiving-Casualty, fell back a bit from the more hysterical people at the front. As the dust settled, I spied her maniacally scoping out the dancing snowmen, no

doubt trying to somehow fit it into her holiday shopping list. Snowman in hand, she pulled out her perfectly systematic list. Computer typed and color coded, my mother's list annihilated the one that I carted around, folded in my pocket. Then, she mumbled those words "What should I get for your father?"

I made it through the morning and found myself lagging at work. I was scheduled for a six-hour shift at Victoria's Secret the day after Thanksgiving. I must truly be mad. Six hours of bra fittings, Angel card promotions and about 600 crazed men looking for that perfect gift got me thinking two things: "What is the perfect gift to buy your significant other" and "Man, I'm going to need a BIG drink when this day is over." After my shift was over, with

aching arches I sat at the bar next to a guy named Ethan and began compiling one of my lists upon a cocktail napkin. The perfect gift for your significant other, with the help of a dirty martini...

Naughty

- Lingerie. Take it from the girl who plugs push-up bras and teddies all day long, this is a crowd pleaser. Girls like getting sexy gifts that make them feel sexy, and guys just like seeing girls with little to nothing on. So, gentlemen, try a silk cami with matching lace panties, and ladies, don't be afraid to pick out a pair of silk boxers for your man.

- Carmen Electra's Strip Aerobics DVDs. Refer to sex column from a couple of weeks ago.

- Box of sex: Think sex dice, massaging oils, bubble bath, can-

dles, condoms...

- Coupon book. A little handmade book of favors that can be sexual as well as silly. Ex: "Will watch the Notebook" or "Will give you free reign in the bedroom."

Nice

- Tickets to see a play, concert or sports event.

- Gift cards. Some may find these pieces of plastic to be impersonal, but what better way to give someone the gift of getting something they don't have to exchange? Ex: iTunes, Victoria's Secret, Hooters.

- Anything homemade and sweet. Cookies, scrapbooks.

So, that's all for me this year, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Get ready for it, because 2006 is going to be sexier than ever.

ON THE SHELVES THIS WEEK

DVD/Video Releases



Cinderella Man

- A once-promising boxer was forced into retirement after a string of losses in the ring. Brad-pock accepts a string of dead-

end jobs to support his family, while never totally abandoning

his dream of boxing. Thanks to a last minute cancellation, Brad-dock finds himself back in the ring against the second-ranked world contender.

Fantastic Four - When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four people are changed by cosmic rays. Together, they use their unique powers to foil the evil plans by the likes of Doctor Doom.

Even as they deal with the various threats that arise to threaten Earth's peace, the Four must also deal with the pressures of fame as the world's most famous superheroes.



24 - Season 4 - The stakes are higher this season. Retaining its now-familiar format of unfolding in real time, with each episode representing one hour of a very dramatic day, the show follows Counter Terrorist Agent Jack Bauer. Bauer has rejoined the CTU and formed an uneasy alliance with director Erin Driscoll after the secretary of defense, Jack Heller,

for whom he was working, is kidnapped. A train crash orchestrated by terrorists sets off a chain of events that Bauer, aided by Chloe O'Brien, races to prevent.



HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Good, bad and golden holiday movies to watch with the family

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff writer

Everyone has seen "A Christmas Story," the classic yet overrated tale of a holiday season gone wrong in so many ways. Lost turkey, broken leg lamps and "I can't put my arms down" are examples of why everyday folks can relate to the film. There are a slew of other great holiday films, new and old, that are worth two hours of your time.

Thousands before me have written that "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) is the greatest holiday movie of all time. In many respects, they are correct. This film focuses on important themes often ignored in film today. The survival of family and focus on something bigger than the individual are what give life its importance.

A relatively new film, "Polar Express" (2004), is the best holiday film of the last five years. One of today's best actors, Tom Hanks, is incredible in the movie. In a visually impressive mix between animation and real life acting, a doubtful child is whisked away to the North Pole for a chance to gain respect for the holiday season. The plot sounds drab, but special effects, great acting and unexpected twists make this a must-see.

There is one holiday movie that we have all seen at least two or three times. It features a virtually forgotten actor making his debut performance, an incredible story line and, again, stellar acting from an all-star cast. Of course, I am talking about "Home Alone" (1990). When eight-year-old Kevin McAllister is left behind as his family treks to France, bumbling burglars Marv and Harry (expertly



Special photo
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation is a classic holiday movie for the family to enjoy together.

portrayed by masters of cinema Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) attempt to rip off an entire neighborhood. Kevin, whose IQ dwarfs that of the robbers, booby-traps his place with hilarious results. If nothing else gets you in the holiday spirit, this flick ought to do the trick.

If the often-forgotten star of the season (no... it's not Santa) and sense of humor are important to you, give "Jesus Christ Superstar" a look this year. Often mislabeled a musical, the film is actually a rock opera. There are no spoken lines, only song. Penned by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice, the movie tells the story of Jesus' final days through the eyes of Judas. This 1973 flick was nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe.

Although there are many worthwhile holiday flicks, there are obviously some to steer clear of.

Topping the list is the "Jingle All the Way," which features one of the least popular governors in the country. Even the seasoned acting style of Schwarzenegger is unable to salvage this 1996 wreck. Waiting until the day before Christmas to do his shopping lead the star on a series of dim-witted adventures.

Another flop is the 2000 remake of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." In a decision that would make Dr. Seuss, the author of the stellar original cartoon, cringe, Jim Carrey portrays the nasty holiday hating Grinch.

Do yourself a favor and check out the original 1966 version, which is a classic unmatched in originality and creativity.

If you have time for just one movie this season, do yourself a favor and buy, not rent, "Christmas Vacation." An all-star cast, anchored by world class actors Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Juliette Lewis and Randy Quaid, push this flick to the brink of perfection.

A slew of unexpected visitors almost ruin the plans of Clark Wilhelm Griswold Jr., who has caught the holiday bug big-time. In an outburst to which we can all certainly relate, the tense Clark addresses the family: "Where do you think you're going? Nobody's leaving. Nobody's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas. No, no. We're all in this together. This is a full-blown, four-alarm holiday emergency here. We're gonna press on, and we're gonna have the hap, hap, happiest Christmas since Bing Crosby tap-danced with Danny f*%\$@g Kaye."

Now that is a Christmas movie.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

'Perfect Dark Zero' debuts with Xbox 360

By Jeffrey Pugh
Staff writer

After hibernating for years, Perfect Dark Zero returns to lead the Xbox 360's launch line-up. PDZ doesn't fail to deliver to the long time fans and to PDZ newcomers.

My first impression of the game was positive. The graphics were astonishing; as I got to see the Xbox 360 really flex its muscles. The shading was superb. Every wall, machine and street was peppered with detail. The sound was spot-on as it really immersed the player into the environment. The controls were a bit overwhelming, but after a couple of missions, you'll begin to pick up on them.

'Perfect Dark Zero'
Prices:
amazon.com - \$49.99
ebgames.com - \$49.99
Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

The game play was addictive at first. It had a Metal Gear Solid and a Halo 2 type of feel to it. However, there are some problems. I felt that the game's AI could've been sharper. Maneuvering also had minor problems as well. For instance, just trying to turn around seemed to take forever.

Another problem I saw was at the beginning of each mission, there was

no story narrative other than a short briefing. This caused the missions to have no sense of flow, breaking up the story mode. And this takes the player out of the story and any attachment to the character whatsoever.

A personal problem I had was during a mission, the guidance of where to go seems non-existent. I continually felt lost throughout most of the levels. This led to a lot of guess and check work. But it did give me more time to enjoy the game's superb graphics.

All in all, it's a great successor to the Perfect Dark series and is a game that is definitely worth adding to your new Xbox 360's library.

New Shadow video game an okay play

By Matt Gibson
Staff writer

Fans of the "Sonic the Hedgehog" series have been waiting for Shadow's solo debut since it was announced. In "Shadow the Hedgehog," players take control of Shadow on an adventure to try to recover the lost memories of who he really is.

Shadow's quest leads him into war between the invading aliens of the Black Arms and the GUN army. Although it keeps the fast-paced platform action that all of the Sonic games have had in the past, Shadow has several tricks, even Sonic probably couldn't pull off, including using weapons and hitching rides in abandoned vehicles. He has a huge arsenal to choose from.

In taking control of Shadow, the player also takes control of the story line. Throughout the game you will encounter both the Black Arms and GUN soldiers; who you attack determines the outcome.

If the player attacks the Black Arms aliens, Shadow's Justice Meter will slowly fill up. Once filled, Shadow can use his patented Chaos Control move to warp through the level, while destroying any Black Arms in his way. This also leads Shadow toward a heroic ending.

By annihilating the GUN soldiers the Evil Meter fills up and when it gets full Shadow can unleash Shadow Blast, which destroys every enemy on the screen and paves the way for a delightfully evil ending. The way the game is set up also allows for more than

'Shadow the Hedgehog'
Prices:
amazon.com - \$49.99
ebgames.com - \$49.99
Grade - 2.5 of 5 ★★★★★

just the pure Heroic of Evil endings. There is also a neutral ending as well as several that can be reached if you switched sides mid-game.

Of course, Sonic and his pals show up in the game as cameos. They don't really do anything except get in the way. Fans to the franchise will probably like it though. If you decide to play the hero through a level, Shadow may have Sonic or one of his friends to team up with him and help. If Shadow is evil, he gets followed around by Doom's Eye, one of the Black Arms. He's completely useless, but he has a cool name.

The soundtrack for this game is good and the graphics are pretty good as well. The opening scene was one of the coolest I've seen in a while. The first level looked and sounded great as well.

Game-play is where Shadow leaves a lot to be desired. The controls are slow to respond and the camera tends to get stuck every once in a while, leaving Shadow open for enemy attacks. Shadow has a few basic attacks, like his Homing Spin which is suppose to making him spin and hit enemies nearby and his kick/punch combos.

Homing Spin, despite what its name implies, rarely hits the enemy so

Shadow ends up taking damage. Also, this game is supposed to revamp the Sonic series with the use of guns, but there isn't any kind of targeting. Since Shadow the Hedgehog is a really fast paced game most of the time the it's easier just to kick or punch the guy you want to take down, especially if the player is trying for a pure Heroic or pure Evil ending. If not, most of the time Shadow hits everyone except who he's aiming for, thus screwing up the ending.

Take away the guns and it's just like any other Sonic the Hedgehog games, except with inferior controls.

THE WORLD IS MY RUNWAY

Hot fashion for the hip this winter

Wool coats, peacoats and trenchcoats, oh my! I have the hot list of coats to keep you warm and sexy this holiday season. Even though it might not get too cold in Georgia this winter, if anyone is going to be traveling this may come in handy for you.

Coats are sleeker than ever this season, even casual jackets and outerwear for men. Everything is fashionable and functional.

Tweed jackets are still in this year after the major comeback last winter. Also, faux fur is popping up everywhere (which may keep the PETA activists happy). In addition, a hot combo is suede with a faux fur trim. Wool coats are no longer bulky and itchy.

Well, they are probably still itchy, but they are a must-have this winter.



Ashley Ferguson is a sophomore from Savannah. She is the Fashion correspondent for The Hiatus.

Men have no fear, the blazers are here. The same blazer that gave you that sophisticated look in October is back in a heavier version fit for the December cold.

The blazers are not short, which was the trend a couple of months ago. Cold weather will usually demand a long coat, unless it is casual like bomber jackets or aviator jackets.

Speaking of those casual jackets, the ladies can find those bomber and aviator jackets in a sexy, form-fitting cut. Bomber jackets for women? Yes indeed, and they look hot; in fact I believe I am getting one for Christmas (parents are wonderful). The bohemian trendsetters will love those jackets.

Ladies, if you find yourselves heading out on a hot date this winter, I suggest a leather trenchcoat for a flirty and laid-back look. Also, keep your eye on peacoats if you are going for sweet and modest approach. Stay warm, happy holidays and happy shopping.

You can e-mail Ashley with comments and suggestions at hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu.



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Thursday, December 1

- Last Day of classes
- The Plague: Catch it at the Museum's Front Gallery, Rosenwald Building
- The Physics of Sound in the Museum's Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building
- Averitt Center. Folk Art Meets Folklore—a juried art show featuring folk art created in the region. Runs through Dec. 11.
- 4 p.m. Geology/Geography Seminar Series in Math/Physics Building.

Friday, December 2

- Reading Day
- The Physics of Sound in the Museum's Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building.
- Averitt Center. Folk Art Meets Folklore—a juried art show featuring folk art created in the region. Runs through Dec. 11.
- 11 a.m. International Conversation Hour in Russell Union Room 2080.
- 5:30 p.m. Averitt Center Gallery Crawl

Saturday, December 3

- The Physics of Sound in the Museum's Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building.
- Averitt Center. Folk Art Meets Folklore—a juried art show featuring folk art created in the region. Runs through Dec. 11.

Sunday, December 4

- 3 p.m. Holiday Choral Concert in Performing Arts Center

Monday, December 5

- Finals
- The Physics of Sound in the Museum's Rear Gallery, Rosenwald Building.
- Folk Art Meets Folklore—a

THE FOOD CORNER

Frozen foods you can cook fast

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

It's that time of the semester where final exams, research papers and presentations take priority over breakfast, lunch and dinner. Instead of wasting your time cooking a homemade meal, try frozen foods. These goodies cook fast and taste delicious. Best of all, they cost around the same amount as

a fast food meals. So ditch the greasy, unhealthy drive-thru dinners and cook yourself some delicious food that will keep your body going during exam week.

Here are my top four frozen foods you can cook when short on time and money:

E-mail comments and suggestions to Alicia at hiatus@georgiasouthern.edu

Frozen Foods

1. Tennessee Pride Sausage and Buttermilk Biscuits: When you are in a hurry to your exam, pop a Tennessee Pride biscuit into the microwave. In less than three minutes, you'll have a warm breakfast that will get your brain going before your test. The best part about this frozen breakfast: you get six meals for less than one breakfast combo at your favorite fast food restaurant. Cost: \$4

2. Bertolli's "Dinner for Two": This frozen pasta meal comes in eight different variations such as Grilled Chicken Alfredo and Portobello, Italian Sausage and Rigatoni and Shrimp Scampi and Linguine. The best part about Bertolli's "Dinner for Two" is all you have to do is dump the bag of contents in a skillet and a hearty dinner is ready in 10 minutes. Cost: \$6

3. California Pizza Kitchen: If you are looking for a new twist on frozen pizza California Pizza Kitchen is the perfect frozen food to try. California Pizza Kitchen creates pizzas such as White Pizza with spinach, garlic and three cheeses: fontina parmesan and romano. All you do is stick the pizza in the oven for 10 minutes and it is done. The best part about this frozen dinner is that it's cheaper than ordering pizza and you don't have to fork over a tip for the delivery guy. Cost: \$7

4. Zatarain's Frozen Entrées: When you are looking for a taste of Creole cooking, Zatarain's frozen entrees are the way to go. These microwaveable rice bowls serve one and pack a Creole punch. Variations of the entrée include Jambalaya, Blackened Chicken with Yellow Rice, Red Beans and Rice and Dirty Rice with Beef and Pork. Cost: \$3

** Prices taken from the Statesboro Wal-Mart and rounded to the highest dollar.

juried art show featuring folk art created in the region.

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• 3 p.m. Open Forum with Vice President of Student Affairs Can-

didate Charles Schroeder in the College of Information Technology Building Room 1005

Tuesday, December 6

- Finals



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

The Hot Seat...

Our weekly look at GSU's hottest rides

Age: 19
Year: Sophomore
Major: Business Management
Hometown: Albany, Ga
Car's nickname: Black Betty
How did you come to own this vehicle?
Traded in my old truck.
What did you pay for it?
\$52,000.
How much money have you put into it since you bought it?
\$5,000.
What is the most expensive feature on it?
My system.
What is one thing you would like to do to customize your

vehicle that you haven't yet done?
A lift kit
What makes your car stand out?
The system.
While riding in your car, are there any rules?
Nope, none.
Would you ever consider selling it?
Yes.
When you are in your car, how do you feel?
On top of the world.
How do you take care of your car? I wash the truck about once a week.



David Fowler
'05 Z71 Tahoe

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Wednesday, December 7

- Finals
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