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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

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Chris Ford elected SGA president

All but one member of the Ford Ticket lands post on exec. board

By Morgan Marsh
Managing editor

Chris Ford has won the presidency of the Student Government Association for the 2006-2007 academic year by nearly a two-to-one margin over challenger Sean Bethune, capturing nearly 62 percent of the vote to his challenger's nearly 32 percent, election

officials announced Friday. Claudia Segovia, who withdrew early in the race, received the other 6.5 percent of the votes.

All but one of the vice presidents on Ford's ticket was elected. Ford said that while he is disappointed Jon Simpson was not elected, he will not let it deter him from getting his work done as SGA president.

"I would have liked to have him (Simpson) as my vice president of academic affairs, but if the student body felt Kelsey Grubbs is more qualified, I respect that," said Ford.

Ford said he is hoping to make some important changes as SGA president, one being to push the school to allow many student organizations to receive student activity fee money

that have not been allowed to do so in the past.

This discussion came up originally during the SGA debate when an audience member asked each of the candidates how they would handle the recent debates over whether sororities and fraternities should be able to utilize those fees.

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TOMORROW
The G-A will introduce you to the new SGA executive board.

Chris Ford was elected to be GSU's latest SGA president. He will be sworn in on April 26.

Guido to sow seeds at BSU

Televangelist to speak at Baptist Student Union Tuesday

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

Metter evangelist the Rev. Michael Guido will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Georgia Southern Baptist Student Union.

Guido has become famous for his one-minute "Seed From the Sower" television devotionals. Students may recognize him for the tiny sermons that play in between day-time soap operas, but The Guido Evangelistic Association is known all over the world for the TV spots, radio sermons as well as newspaper columns.

This isn't Guido's first trip to Statesboro. He came to the BSU two years ago. The 91-year-old, who moves slower in his old age, still captivated the audience of mostly 20-somethings.

"He's a lot different in person," said Robert Wigington, the president-elect of the BSU. "You just feel like you are listening to someone who has lots of life experience and he tells about his



Rev. Michael Guido

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Struggle for equality topic of new book

Professor's book tells stories of GSU racial struggles, successes

By Adam Crisp
Managing editor

A college president was fired after being accused of race mixing.

Student members of a fraternity marched in full Confederate uniforms and hoisted a Confederate flag in the center of campus.

Black cafeteria workers staged a walk out after the school's first black administrator was fired.

Georgia Southern was the scene for these events and more during a time when segregation was a controversial issue. Those stories are part of a recently published book by GSU professor F. Erik Brooks.

"Pursuing a Promise: A History of African Americans at Georgia Southern University" will be released today at an 8 p.m. lecture and book signing in the Russell Union as a part of Kappa Alpha Psi Week festivities.

Brooks is releasing the book

prior to the university's celebration of its 100-year anniversary. It was published by Mercer University Press.

"I thought it was important to record the history of the school's black community because sometimes that gets forgotten," said Brooks, who teaches political science in addition to heading the Master of Public Administration Program.

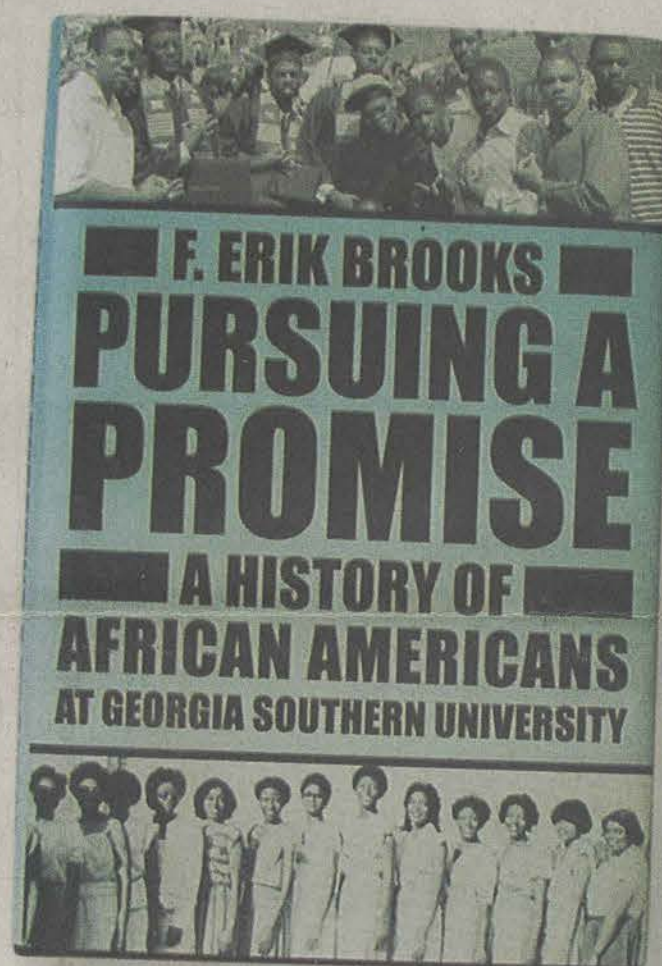
Though the book talks about the university's sordid past when it comes to race relations, Brooks said the book doesn't lack the positive messages either.

"I think it's important for people to know where the university has been," he said. "I found it really encouraging to know that in the past two other black professors have been named Professor of the Year. It shows me that I can also win an award like this one day."

Brooks began research for the book after arriving at GSU in 2002. Much of what he has included in the book comes from published accounts in The George-Anne, as well



Dr. Erik Brooks



Luke Hearn/STAFF

A book, due to be released today, details the struggles and successes in the history of Georgia Southern University. An 8 p.m. book signing will be held in Union Room 2080. Books are on sale for \$35.

as The Statesboro Herald and the no longer printing Bulloch Times.

"When you come to a new place you want to know who has come before you," said Brooks. "All I knew about GSU when I came here was that we had won some national championships in football."

Brooks, who grew up in Alabama and who is an avid sports fan, said he knew about GSU because the college had phenomenal black quarterbacks, especially Tracy Ham, during its quest to become

national champs. Brooks said during this time it was unusual to have a black quarterback because some believed black men weren't smart enough for the position.

Brooks says he wasn't surprised to find there were racial inequalities at GSU because there were racial inequalities at a majority of Southern institutions. However, he said the level of student activity and protest did surprise him.

"I was surprised by all the organizations and the walk-out of

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Kappa's reach out this week

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity looks to engage community

By Monique McKenzie
Staff writer

The brothers of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will present the second annual Kappa Week starting today and lasting until Saturday.

Kappa Week steps off at 8 p.m. today with a book signing featuring author and Georgia Southern professor Erik Brooks.

Following the book signing the brothers will host their own version of BET's "The Road Show."

Kappa Week continues Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. with a community service project at the Statesboro chapter of the Boys and Girls Club followed by K.L.A.S.S. at 9 p.m., an open mic night at the Oasis lounge.

The brothers of the Omicron Phi Chapter will also present the KREAM fashion show Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. KREAM will feature various fashions from local designers as well as Atlanta and Savannah. Tickets for the show are \$5 in advance.

Ricky Branch, membership intake chairman, emphasized the importance of buying tickets early.

"Tickets will be on sale all this week," he said. "The price is subject

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A note to our readers

Ordinarily the G-A takes this edition as a chance to make up the news in honor of April Fool's Day. We're bucking the trend this year. As far as we know, all the news in this edition is completely true.

28 days left

There are just 28 days until May 1, the last day of classes. Make the most of it! Summer classes begin May 16 for the long term. And fall classes start back Aug. 14.

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Officials: Job outlook for '06 promising

Accounting majors in highest demand, says survey, GSU official

By Koelling Borneman
Staff writer

According to a recent CNN story, job prospects for the class of 2006 are improving and recruiters are fighting for access to college campuses. The article indicates that the 1.5 million college seniors who are expecting to graduate this year have nothing to worry about.

Dorsey Baldwin, recruitment coordinator with the Career Services Office,

says the article is in total agreement with current trends on campus.

"When the economy is good, more companies fight to get on campus and recruit," said Baldwin.

Baldwin says there has been a dramatic increase in the number of companies who are interested in recruiting on the GSU campus. This spring semester, there have been 65 companies recruiting on campus, versus the 42 who participated last spring.

For similar reasons, recent Eagle Expo Career Fairs have been very successful, and have fostered the development of the first ever Multi-cultural Career Fair earlier this month. Eight employers, including prominent

corporate names such as Suntrust and Wachovia, were present at the Multi-cultural Career Fair, and the next is even expected to grow even more.

The Career Services office takes a poll of graduates six months after their graduation day to determine whether they find employment.

The most recent poll indicates that 95.4 percent of all surveyed students either had employment or had enrolled in a graduate program six months after graduating.

Wallace Brown, experiential education coordinator at Career Services, said the recruitment and employment trend is noticeable.

"We do see more companies at the Expos, doing on-campus interviews,

and résumé referrals," said Brown.

To ensure graduates are in the employed statistics, Baldwin recommends doing research on a company before meeting with so they know that you are interested.

"Preparation for the interview is one of the biggest factors," said Baldwin. "They want to see how you'll fit in with their corporate culture."

Both the CNN article and Baldwin find that accounting and finance degrees are in high demand. Baldwin also noted that construction management, logistics, and teaching have recently become popular with recruiters. But liberal arts majors, with a communication emphasis, are finding appeal in the workplace as well.

TOP JOBS

According to a new report employers plan to hire 14.5 percent more new college grads this year than last. Here are the top jobs:

- Private Accountant
- Management Trainee
- Sales
- Design/Construction
- Engineering
- Financial/Treasury Analysis
- Public Accounting
- Project Engineering
- Teaching
- Consulting

Lights out! Campus, Statesboro spends seconds in darkness

Staff reports

At approximately 8:45p.m. the electricity went out from campus to the end of Main Street. The blackout lasted only a few seconds.

According to Ron Price, electrician on the scene, there is 1,2000

volts of electricity that constantly runs through the only power source for all of campus.

He said a surge of electricity could have caused a transformer to explode. Police and Firefighters arrived within minutes to guard a small fire caused by sparks from the

transformer.

The transformers are located behind the Raptor Center parking lot that combines with the COBA parking lot.

Police blocked both lots off for nearly 30 minutes to assure safety from overhanging powerlines.

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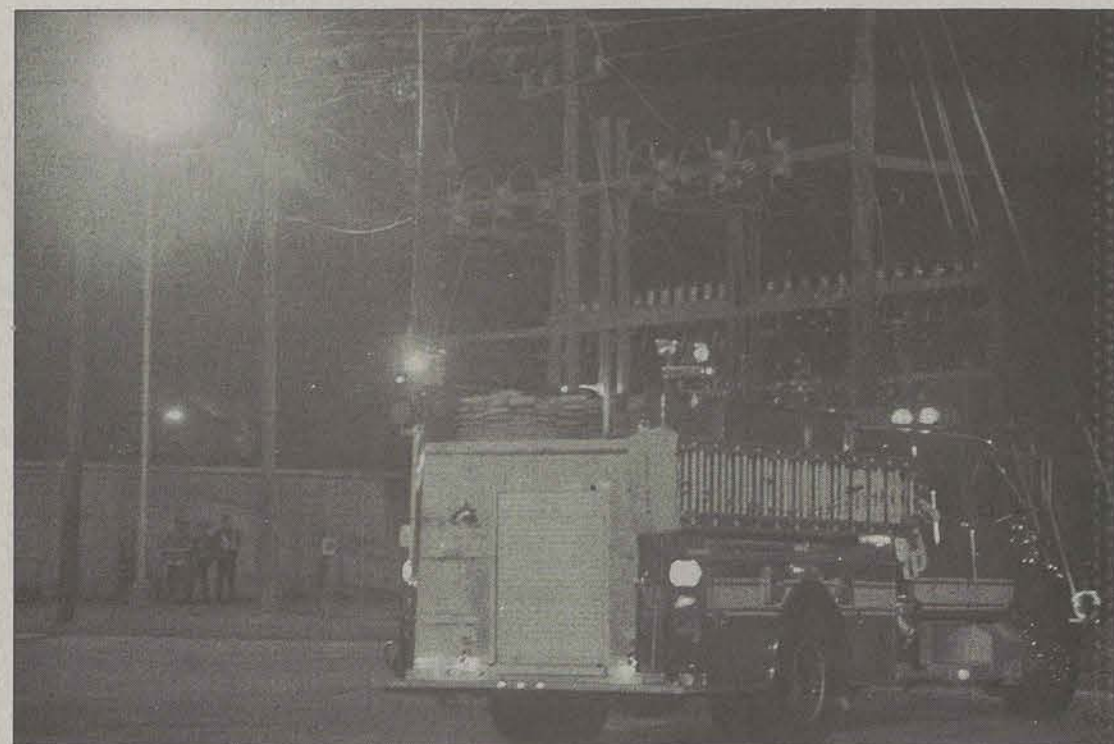
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The Statesboro Fire Department watches as a burning transformer burns itself out. The short caused a few moments of complete darkness at GSU and in downtown Statesboro. Everything is back to normal now.

Native American Festival celebrated

By Jenny Miller

Staff writer

The Georgia Southern museum hosted the Fifth Annual Native American Festival at the RAC Pavilion Saturday, April 1.

A large crowd gathered for the festival, which featured activities for people of all ages, ranging from pottery making to a recreation of a trapper's encampment by Diamond Brown, who is a part of the Touch the Earth with Native People environmental group.

The festival featured selected items from the regional Native American relic's collection of the late Dr. James A. Roshto, a local obstetrician and gynecologist who died in February 2005.

Roshto's collection, which features 768 projectile points, blades, knives, bone awls and pins, and pottery,

was donated to the museum by his family.

Wendy Denton, interim director of the museum, said the festival is an important event and something all people should be aware of.

"The museum focuses on the natural and cultural history of the southeastern coastal plain region, so the story of the pre-contact Native American peoples is significant to our mission."

In the past the festival has been held in the fall on Sweetheart Circle, but it moved to the RAC Pavilion this year to take advantage of the established powwow schedule and build the festival as a regular competition event. It also permits a better venue for performers and vendors at the festival.

Attendees of the festival were able to play games, purchase Native American jewelry and snack on concessions such

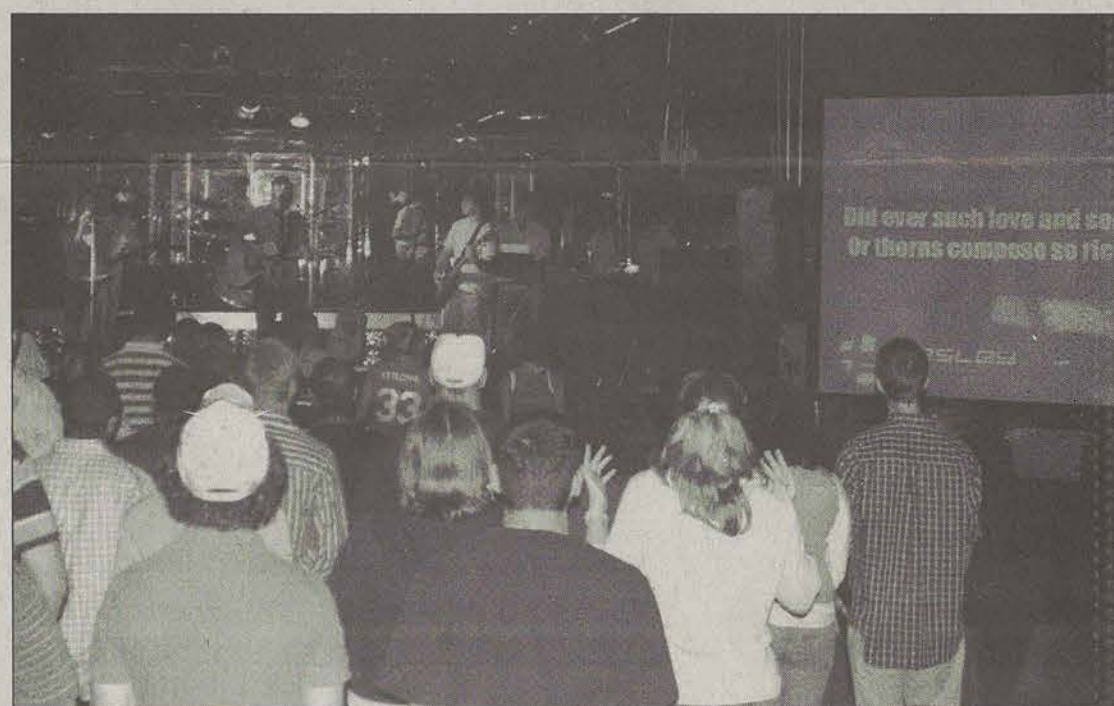
as turkey legs and other authentic foods from the culture. Portal Elementary School student Summer Stewart said she enjoyed the festival.

"I liked the pottery," Stewart said. "I didn't really make anything but it was fun to play with and stuff."

The event is supported by the Center for Wildlife Education, who was there with several of their animals.

The Botanical Gardens also supported the festival and had a display that explained the different uses that Native Americans have for various plants.

"Plants were an integral part of the lives of Native Americans - they used plants for food, shelter, clothing, and medicines...they knew everything there was to know about the natural world in which they lived," said Stephanie Tames, public relations coordinator for the Gardens.



James Hall/STAFF

Students sing along with the Wesley Foundation's praise band, Wednesday, at Legends. The group will meet in its usual place this Wednesday night at Pittman Park, the Methodist church across from campus.

Legends hosts Methodist student services

By Lauren Childs

Staff writer

Legends saw a packed house last Wednesday nights. The local hot spot played host to the Wesley Foundation's service, the Methodist student ministry on campus.

The regular meeting place, which is at Pittman Park, had another event going on, so the youth had to relocate.

"Legends was suggested kind of like a joke," says student and Wesley member Jon Irvan. "Then we started thinking about it and realized this would be an incredible opportunity to reach out to this campus."

"We made the call to Will Britt, and he was more than willing to help in

whatever we needed done," said Irvan. "They have really worked well with us in allowing this event to happen."

The Wesley praise band played up beat, contemporary Christian music to set the mood. Most people stood while others sat on a carpet in front of the stage. The lights on the stage and the blacklights lit the room.

"I thought it was great," said Business Administration major, Blake Boylston. "Being in a place where normally God isn't praised or glorified and using it for worship was absolutely amazing."

The campus minister Jay Tucker spoke. Some people removed their shoes to make themselves more comfortable.

"I think the most incredible part for

me was at the very end when people came to the front to pray, and that is when the stage at Legends became an altar for God. Who would have ever thought something like that would happen," said Irvan. "I think the idea of having Wesley at Legends was awesome, and if God leads us to do it again, then I know we would be all for it."

According to Irvan, Wesley is always looking for new ways to reach out to Georgia Southern students. He said Wesley has had bonfires at the RAC and on the front lawn at Pittman Park to draw in a crowd.

"Wesley does not want to be seen as a group that is closed to the world," said Tucker. "We are just a bunch of folks that want to know Jesus Christ and the purpose He can give us in life and then to let other people know this as well."

"This was a chance to show that 'church' is not a building, but it is in the people. God can be worshiped anywhere, even in a bar. In fact, if Jesus were here today, that's probably where he would be," said Irvan.

Wesley currently has a ministry called Late Night, which meets at Retrievers on Sundays to minister to people who don't feel comfortable in church. These services begin at 9:30 p.m. every Sunday.

For more information on the Wesley Foundation, visit their Web site at www.gsuwesley.org



CLINICAL TRIALS AT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Healthy Women Needed for Cervical Cancer/Genital Warts Prevention Study

Dr. Daron Ferris and his colleagues at the Medical College of Georgia are conducting a study on the effectiveness of an investigational vaccine made to prevent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection. HPV causes genital warts and may be the cause of cervical cancer. Participants must be:

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Ford

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"What I mentioned was that all student organizations should be able to use those student fees," said Ford. "I will be pushing for Greeks as well as the other organizations that have not been able to utilize those fees in the past."

But this is just one small challenge Ford and his team are hoping to accomplish. Ford's main goal right now is to open the lines of communication between SGA and the student body.

Ford is most looking forward to "having an active relationship with the student body, trying to make sure the SGA is a commonplace thing in the minds of students."

"A lot of the time students don't know who SGA is or don't care, and that makes it difficult," said Ford. "I'd like to have better communication with the student body and get the SGA's name out there."

Ford stated he will focus strongly on staying true to his ticket and carry through what he has promised to students, continuing to bridge the gaps in communication between SGA and the student body, as well as between SGA and Georgia Southern administrators.

Ford will not be officially sworn in as SGA president until April 26, but already he believes things are starting to look up.

"I believe this year was by far one of the best SGA races because there was competition, so a lot more people became involved," Ford said. "The lines of communication were finally open between SGA and the student body. To me that was a major accomplishment and it's to the credit of all the leaders who came out to run this year."

Guido

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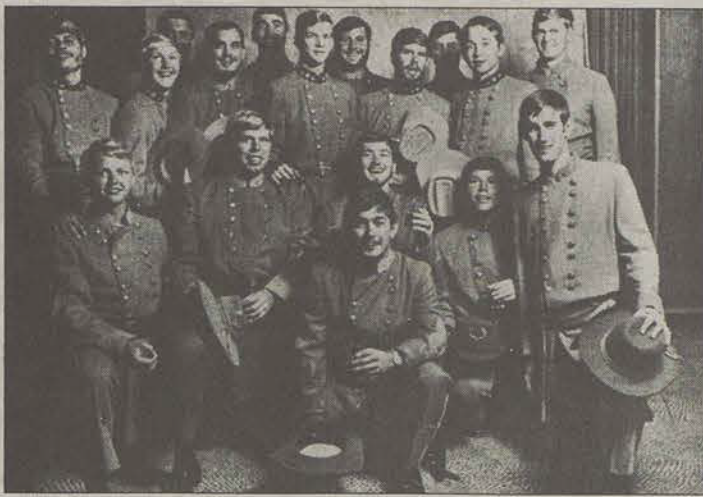
life... it's not your typical 'Seed From the Sower'."

Guido began his evangelistic association 50 years ago. Today, he broadcasts all over the world and in several languages. His operation is headquartered on a lush garden just 15 minutes from Interstate 16 in tiny Metter.

Guido said in a recent article in The George-Anne that his ministry is built around a positive message, one he feels appeals to those he feels need God the most.

"I like a positive message," said Guido. "I preach about hell, but I do it in a way that let's people know I don't want them to go there."

Guido's Tuesday sermon will come after music and other events at the BSU.



File photo

Members of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity pose in this 1970 file photo that appeared in The George-Anne, announcing the upcoming Old South Day. The event drew harsh criticism from some students, especially several black students, who fought with members of the fraternity as they tried to hoist a Confederate flag on Sweetheart Circle. The Old South Day had become an annual event where members held elaborate antebellum balls where the members' dates wore gowns and the men wore the replica uniforms. This incident, and others, are included in a book due to be released today at an 8 p.m. book signing at the Russell Union.

Book

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the cafeteria workers," said Brooks. "A lot of people just focus on integration at the big flagship universities and they never mention schools like GSU."

Brooks writes in the book that often there is a myth that smaller schools had a seamless transition after integration. From video tape accounts, Brooks quotes several of the first black graduates who said the experience was difficult.

"I had been brought up to believe that I was as good as anyone else, and I could do pretty much whatever I wanted with my life if I worked hard enough for it," said Carolyn Hobbs (formerly Milton), who was the third black graduate.

Hobbs went on to say that students and faculty ignored her and refused to make eye contact or partner with her in physical education classes. Though the situation became more tolerable by the time she graduated, Hobbs said the feeling of isolation was often too much to handle.

Brooks said stories like Hobbs have largely been forgotten and that many people only remember the rough transitions at universities like the University of Georgia.

He writes in the book that many people didn't even know the exact year that GSU began accepting black students. No official integration announcement was mentioned in the local papers, but years before, students were asked to respond to the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education case in this newspaper.

Students seemed split on the issue, with some accepting that blacks should be allowed to attend classes with whites and some still hanging onto the separate but equal idea. Quite a few of the comments published by Brooks show that during the early years of the university and

BOOK SIGNING

GSU professor Erik Brooks will hold a lecture and sign copies of his book at 8 p.m. tonight in Russell Union Rm. 2080. Books cost \$35.

directly after the Brown decision, some white students held the belief that most blacks were happy with a segregated society.

"I believe in giving a Negro equal rights but not letting them mix and mingle with the people of the white race," wrote Wayne Yaun, a GSC student. "If they are given this step, they are going to expect another."

Liberal pockets of thought existed:

"The decision against segregation was bound to come and there is nothing which can be done about it," wrote Rita Harper. "Adjustment will be hard for the south, but adjustments will have to be made. Since the constitution provides for equality I don't see how the south can protest or rebel against the court's decision."

Brooks' book totals 193 pages with additional pages with photos of various milestones related to the advancement of black people at GSU. He said he wrote the book with students in mind—hoping that an easy read would make students willing to read the work.

"I'm the first college graduate in my family," said Brooks. "I think it's really important to write for the average person."

He estimates that most readers could tear through the book in one evening. He hopes the book's easy writing will make students want to read it, but more importantly allow them to talk about it.

"I think it will be a success if people just talk about it," he said. "I think white and black people can learn a lot from what's happened in the past and better understand how we got to where we are today."

Kappas

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to inflation if you wait to buy them at the door."

Members say Kappa Week 2006 is not only about parties, open mics and fashion shows. Founded in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is an organization built upon community service and scholarship.

Kappa brothers at GSU have designed several programs to reach out to the community, including a mentor basketball game at Langston Chapel Elementary School and an afternoon of arts and crafts at the Boys and Girls Club.

Kappa Week will also focus on unity between Greek organizations at GSU. The brothers will play the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in a game of flag football at the RAC Pavilion Thursday evening at 6:11 p.m.

"We actually hosted this same event last year during our first Kappa Week," said Branch. "There was a great turnout."

Kappa Week will conclude Saturday evening with the Klassik Kabaret,

MORE INFO.

For more information concerning Kappa Week 2006 or the Omicron Phi Chapter, contact Branch at richard_j_branch@georgiasouthern.edu.

a black and white affair, at the Avertit Center for the Arts.

"Klassik Kabaret is more of an upscale gathering for the students and alumni of Georgia Southern that are looking for something more than the common club scene," said Lorenzo Davis, Kappa's president. "We'll have good food, fun, and music."

Klassik Kabaret begins at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. The dress is semi-formal.

Tickets for both the KREAM Fashion Show and Klassik Kabaret can be purchased from the brothers in the Russell Student Union beginning Monday.

Although Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a historically black organization, Branch stresses the diversity of the events.

"We have something for everyone," said Branch. "If you don't like the club, we have Klassik Kabaret. If you want a mellow atmosphere we have

a poetry night at Oasis. However, if you're looking for an exciting and upbeat event, we have the KREAM Fashion Show."

It has been a big week for the Kappas. Chris Ford, whose a member of the fraternity, was elected president of GSU's Student Government Association. Lorenzo Davis, the president, was also elected to the SGA as a senator.

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"A hero is born among a hundred, a wise man is found among a thousand, but an accomplished one might not be found even among a hundred thousand men."

- Plato
Ancient Greek Philosopher

OUR VIEW

Hold new SGA reps to their promises

AT ISSUE: It's important to realize that SGA officers have vowed to work for you

Chris Ford was elected the new president of the Student Government Association. His win shows that the students of Georgia Southern (those who voted, anyway) bought in to his promises to get SGA more involved with the everyday student and to improve communication from the average students of GSU so that their voices and concerns will be heard and addressed by the administration.

Ford also mentioned, during the presidential debate, that he would push to have certain student organizations that currently are not able to receive student activity funds from SGA to be able to receive these funds. For example, Greek organiza-

tions are not able to receive funds from SGA.

Now that Ford has won the election, it's important that we as students hold him and those elected with him to their promises. While we're hopeful that he will hold to his promises and fulfill those made to the students of this wonderful university, it never helps to keep his words in the back of your mind in case you see the administration falter on what they have charged themselves to work for.

Chris Ford ran for president as "The Ford Ticket," with a candidate for each vice president and senator position running on the ticket as well. Many of the senators on the ticket were victorious in last week's elections; many were not. Regarding

his vice presidents, all but one of the four he had running with him won. Instead of electing Jon Simpson as the vice president of academic affairs, students elected Kelsey Grubbs, who ran on the "All-American Team Ticket," headed up by Ford's presidential opponent, Sean Bethune.

We sincerely hope that the election of Grubbs will not cause any unnecessary drama for SGA and the students of GSU in the upcoming year.

Grubbs has proved that she has a real understanding of the issues facing new leaders in SGA. At the presidential debate on March 23, when the vice presidential candidates were able to participate in the question-and-answer session, Grubbs was

on top of her game, able to quickly and very thoroughly answer the questions posed to her.

We hope the fact that Grubbs was not a member of the "Ford Ticket" — as well as the senators elected that were not on the ticket — will not be an issue when our elected representatives begin to work together for a better GSU.

Remember that those elected last week have vowed to work for you. If you have a problem or an issue, or feel that your voice is not being heard, contact the SGA representative from your college or e-mail one of the executive officers. They've promised to work for you, so make sure they do. After all, you put them in office.

Luke Hearn SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

McKinney needs to hit the road, too

I realize what I am writing here could label me as a racist. I only acknowledge this because I know how some people can be: if someone makes an opinion on a race that he or she is not a member of, that person is a racist. I don't see things that way, so I intend to say what I have to say, regardless of some of the opinions of the ignorant. So, here goes.

It was reported in Saturday's online edition The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that U.S. Congresswoman from Georgia, Cynthia McKinney, is involved in a racist tangle with Capitol Hill Police. This past week's confrontation marks her fifth incident with Washington law enforcement in the last decade.

Last Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol, dodging a security checkpoint (which is fairly common for the D.C. elite), McKinney was asked three times by a security guard to stop and come through the security screening device. When he tried to stop her — she hit him.

McKinney's defense for hitting the guard was that he should have recognized her. After all, she's only one of over 500 members of Congress and countless other political figures who enter the Capitol daily, so why wouldn't the officer recognize her? What an idiot that cop must be.

Capitol Hill officials have mentioned pressing possible assault charges against McKinney, and at a press conference Friday on Howard University's campus — with actor Danny Glover and singer Harry Belafonte at her side — McKinney's lawyers said she is "a victim of the excessive use of force by law enforcement officials because of how she looks and the color of her skin." They also said the police at the Capitol are blowing things out of proportion.

I think McKinney is blowing things out of proportion. She admitted at her press conference on Friday that she was not wearing her lapel pin given to all members of Congress when the incident happened, a pin which helps security guards identify those who do not have to proceed through security measures.

Behind McKinney at her press conference were black children from her congressional district holding signs that read, "Is Cynthia a Target?" and "Recognize Our Congresswoman."

After reading all the information on this situation, the only thing I can get out of this debacle is McKinney wanting some free media time considering mid-term elections are approaching and she is facing opposition from within her party.

But her plan may have backfired. It doesn't take a genius to see that McKinney is throwing out the race card here.

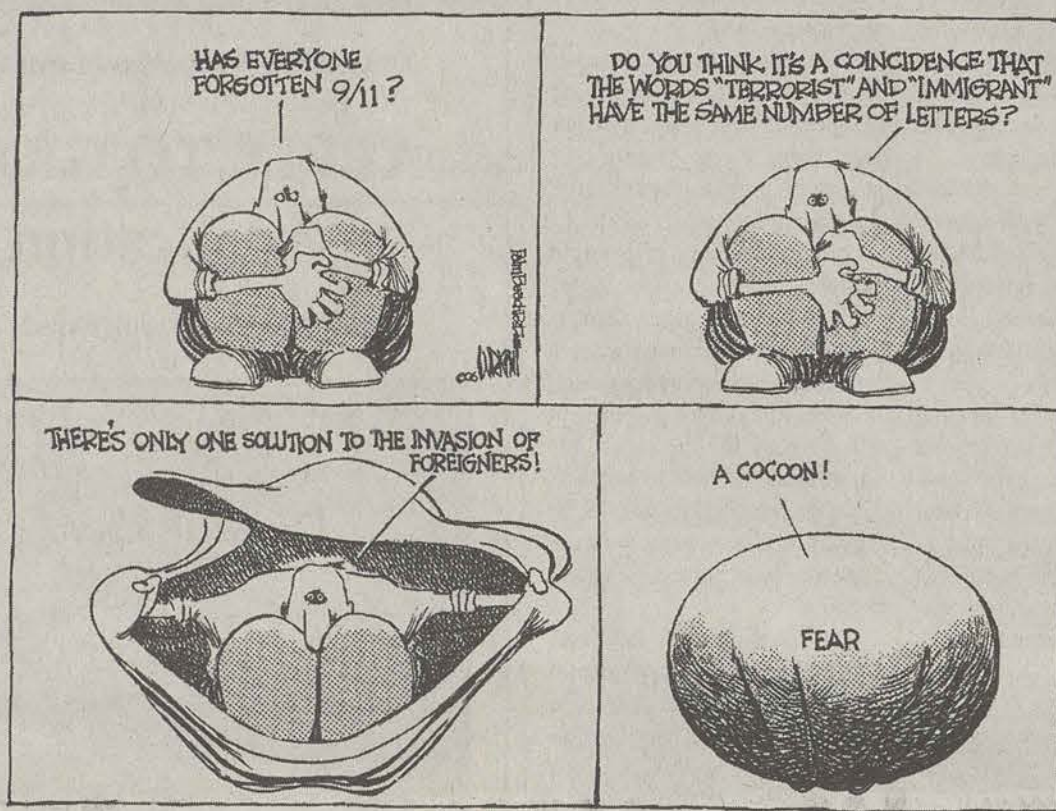
She only wants attention, and if she can get it at the expense of her constituents, then so be it — she doesn't care.

She has no regard for her duties in Congress, unless you count her duties marking everyone as a racist and trying to make herself always seem like the victim.

The sad truth is that racism still exists. But McKinney only gives herself and others a bad name by crying "racism" every chance she gets. She's doing more harm than good, helping no one, including those being oppressed, those she pretends to stand up for. If anything, her false cries are nothing more than a slap in the face to those who truly face discrimination on a daily basis.

In all seriousness, though, she's nothing more than a cry-baby who will do anything to get her face on TV.

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Garrison Keillor THE OLD SCOUT

His nerves are tired and he needs to lie down

I went to the Mayo Clinic last week for the annual ceremonial physical, hoping my doctor would send me off to a hospital, one of those really nice ones with a sunny terrace where you sit in your bathrobe and beautiful brunettes bring you fresh orange juice. The diagnosis would be nervous exhaustion, I guess.

Back in my youth, people like Doris Day and Rita Hayworth and Natalie Wood got hospitalized for nervous exhaustion, and so I've always considered it a glamorous ailment, but what are the symptoms?

My medical dictionary doesn't say. Probably they would include (1) extreme paleness and clamminess, (2) palpitations, (3) dilation of pupils and flaring of nostrils, and (4) piteous whimpering, things like "I'm-a waiting for you, Mama" or "I kin hear 'em singing!" I recall heroes in Victorian novels who collapsed from nervous exhaustion, and they were carried pale and trembling to bed where they lay for a few days and then decided to quit the bank job, break off the engagement to Daphne, and build a cabin of clay and wattles in a bee-loud glade and write poems.

But that's not what I want. I just want some time off. My doctor is a Minnesota Lutheran so he's not up on nervous exhaustion. He asked me how I was and I said (as I was brought up to say), "Fine." He then proceeded to do the pump-pump-pump of the blood pressure cuff, the tap-tap-tap of the kneecap, and to note my complaints — headaches, gummed-up sinuses, inability to remember names of people I used to know — and take them up in a businesslike fashion.

Sinuses? Try putting your head over a sink and pumping salt water up your nostrils.

Memory loss? Forget about it. Headaches? He sent me off to have my head examined. In an MRI machine. You lie on a narrow trough which is retracted into a massive cyclotron where you lie perfectly still for an hour in a space exactly the size of Grandpa's coffin, and if you are claustrophobic, this

will send you right up the wall, and if you are not, you soon will be.

You expect to hear Igor say in his adenoidal voice, "I have tied him down, Master. Shall I throw the switch?" The machine bangs and whirrs and you lie there in your coffin awaiting the Last Judgment, and the young lady running the experiment says on the intercom, "You're doing a great job, Mr. Keillor." A great job of playing dead.

I couldn't bring myself to tell the doctor, "My nerves are shot and I want to go to a hospital for three days. One with a terrace and fresh orange juice." I thought he might tell me to get a grip. Or jump into salt water and breathe it up my nostrils. The truth is that there are only a few hospitals that treat nervous exhaustion and they're in Los Angeles and you must have a publicist.

The longing for hospitalization goes back to childhood: I wanted my parents to notice me and wanted my siblings to kneel and beg for forgiveness as I lay gazing up at the Good Shepherd, radiant beams shining on my face, weeping angels beckoning from a hole in the clouds.

It's a lovely fantasy, but the reality is that hospitals are dangerous places. People get sick there. Weird bacteria, zonked-out interns, the occasional serial killer. And people you never cared for descend on you bearing inferior chocolates and wilted zinnias and cheap balloons that say, "Happiness Is Knowing You Are Loved." They camp at your bedside for hours reminiscing about all the cancer victims they used to know. And worst of all, my sandy-haired gap-toothed daughter would not find a hospital amusing and so she would visit me for the minimum-daily-required minutes and wave goodbye and skip out the door.

So I dropped my little blue gown and pulled on my pants and came back to the living.

When you have a daughter who is eight, you must schedule your collapses from nervous exhaustion. She has a full schedule of swim classes and school and church activities, and we're going to Alaska in July, so it appears that August is my first opportunity to fall apart. I am looking forward to it.

We have a sunny terrace at home, and I can sit there in my bathrobe and whimper to my heart's content, and if the bees get loud I will throw some salt water at them.

Adam Crisp SCENE AND HEARD

Immigration debate isn't anything new

Americans won't do the work of illegal immigrants. That's a popular talking point being used quite a bit by our president and many that support an immigration bill being considered by Congress.

That statement should be an insult to the 18 million Americans who are unemployed and, frankly, the rest of us.

The problem isn't that Americans are too lazy. The problem is that the jobs we refuse to perform pay too little or involve unsafe working conditions.

Greedy employers and the politicians who support them are the crux of the immigration dilemma.

I grew up in rural Tattnall County where the Vidalia Sweet Onion is grown. Right about this time every year the air should be ripe with the smell of onions being picked and clipped. Who does the work? Mostly illegal Mexican migrants.

Why? Because according to just about everyone, the jobs pay just at or below minimum wage and we all know about the unbearable Georgia heat.

Our president favors a guest worker program that allows illegals a pass to continue to work here. Those who support the program say our agriculture, construction and other industries can't

afford to pay equal wages. It sounds a lot like an argument we all should have heard before. You remember that American institution called slavery?

We needed slaves to work our fields so the South wouldn't go bankrupt. Now we need illegal workers to break their backs in the fields so we can keep the price of a head of lettuce below \$3.

To pay those workers a reasonable wage, farmers would have to raise prices, or perhaps decrease their profits.

Those who say we can't live without illegals fail to consider the real cost of illegal immigration.

According to a study by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, illegals cost the State of California — which has the highest number of illegal aliens nationwide — \$10.5 billion a year for education, health care and incarceration. Nearly every state has illegals. Imagine the cost nationwide.

The immigration proposal that's passed the House calls for a 700-mile fence to be constructed along the U.S.-Mexican border. Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), a sponsor of the bill, couldn't describe exactly what the wall would look like or what it would be constructed with, speaking on "Face the Nation" Sunday morning. He said in some places the wall would be "appropriate" and in other places it would be patrolled with electronic devices.

Regardless of what the wall will be made of, its cost is estimated at about \$2 billion and when complete it could stretch a distance equal to the space between Washington Monument and the Sears Tower in Chicago.

Perhaps Congress should consider putting 11-12 million workers already here to work building the wall. After all the labor savings, perhaps we could afford to add a couple hundred miles to the fence.

Though immigrants are committing crimes, equally criminal are those men and women who are employing illegal workers to help increase or sustain their profits.

That greed is truly troubling, but in a historical context it isn't entirely out of character. Our nation has a history of exploiting the most desperate when we simply don't want to pay a fair wage.

I guess those illegals who are getting paid for their work should feel lucky. After all, the U.S. never paid the slaves who built our nation.

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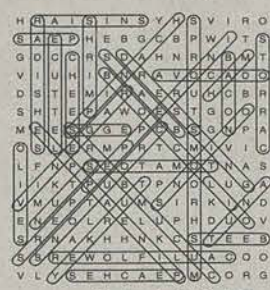
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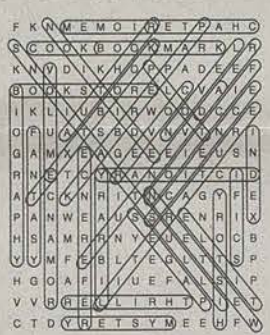
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You may know everything someday, at the rate you're going. For now, be happy if you can figure out whom you should ask.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Be wise in using what you're given, and you'll be given more. In other words, don't waste it, or make an awful mess.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - There's somebody in your life who always leaves you feeling better. Go to the extra trouble to make sure you let that one know how much you care.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - It could seem like the weight of the world has settled onto your shoulders. It hasn't, really. That's just a delusional illusion. Shrug it off.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Somebody's urging you forward. Someone believes you can do it. Let go of your rather pessimistic frame of mind. Let yourself be convinced, even if you have evidence to the contrary.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - More work coming in. Luckily, it's the kind you like. Unluckily, the money's not exactly fabulous, yet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You're very lucky now. Try something you've always wanted to do. Skydiving is possible, but not your only option. Do it now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Do you want to dig into your savings and get the store-bought item, or take the extra time to custom build it by yourself? It's good, either way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - There's a difference of opinion, but logic will prevail. Be more spiritual and persuasive than confrontational. The truth sells.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Gather up the

goodies as fast as you can. This moment won't last forever. Check your pockets for holes, or you could lose it as fast as you earn it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Today is a 9 - You provide stability to a loved one who really needs some. This is not difficult; it is the most natural thing in the world.

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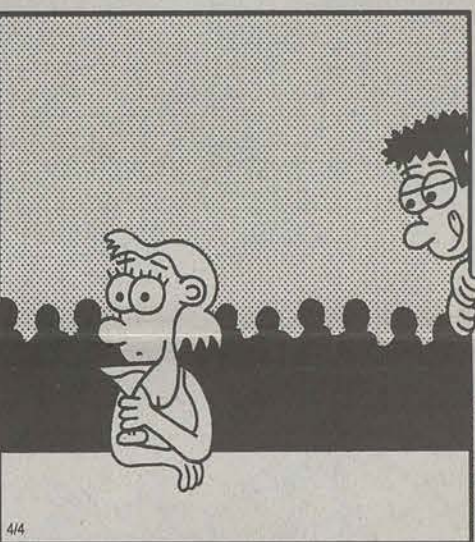
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SPORTS

Chad Bishop
THE SMACK

No foolin', Erk was there

I finally took time out of my busy schedule this weekend to visit Beautiful Eagle Creek and see first hand Brian VanGorder (and his mustache) and the new era of Eagle football. What an era it's already shaping up to be.

Practice was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and when I pulled up onto the sand, underneath the shady pines at the practice fields, I already began to see changes.

Players weren't slowly walking around with their helmets in their hands, stretching or shooting the breeze with fellow players.

Instead, every single member of the squad was involved in some sort of drill, at full speed with coaches yelling in their faces.

The field itself was lined in white paint, dotted with orange cones, surrounded by dummies and accessorized with all sorts of interesting metal contraptions for athletic development.

I wasn't alone either. There were around 50 members of Eagle Nation strolling the sidelines and sitting on the weather-beaten benches trying to figure out what a tight end is and which freshman is going to get a chance to throw the ball 20-30 times a game.

VanGorder himself walked from drill to drill with his hands behind his back, in khaki shorts, a blue sweatshirt and a white GSU hat.

When the loud blast of the air horn signaled a change in drills, he ran along with the players scrambling to their next task.

I must admit I was pretty impressed, and almost forgot their was no more triple option anymore. I turned one way to see three young men working on their drop steps and taking snaps from the shotgun.

I turned another direction and watched defensive backs working on their pass coverage. I turned another way to find those on the injured lists throwing medicine balls back and forth to each other.

Everyone one was doing something and they were all doing it at 100 percent.

So as the morning wore on and the sun became hotter, something happened that made me realize GSU football has some interesting days ahead of it.

Suddenly everyone was turning back toward those aforementioned shady pine trees, and like an apparition, Erk Russell came walking up.

The legendary coach who put GSU on the map and made Eagle football what it is today supposedly hasn't so much as come near the GSU campus since a falling out with the program during the Sewak hiring process four years ago.

But here it was, in khaki shorts and a maroon sweater vest he came ambling towards the practice fields.

He only stayed a few minutes. He talked with some old friends, then went back to his car and left. It was April Fool's day, but this was no joke. Erk has come back.

I left that practice having realized that the Eagles and their new system of offense under BVG is pretty interesting. Interesting enough to get the one and only Erk Russell to come back the program he built.

In 159 days, a new era of GSU football officially begins. Something tells me that era could be something special.

How the Eagles fared this weekend

Women's Tennis:
Won 5-2 vs Elon, Saturday; Lost 7-0 vs Winthrop, Sunday
Men's Tennis:
Lost 7-0 vs Elon, Saturday; vs UNC-G, Sunday (Late)

Golf:
14th vs Augusta Invitational, Saturday/Sunday
Track and Field:
vs. SoCon/Big South Challenge (Late)

Braves opener scheduled for today

Today, the season begins.

The Atlanta Braves begin their quest for an unprecedented 15th straight division title today against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Scheduled to start are Tim Hudson and Derek Lowe for the Braves and Dodgers, respectively.

There is a possibility of being canceled due to bad weather.

Softball goes 1-2 against Chattanooga

By Mike Anthony
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Georgia Southern Lady Eagles lost both ends of a doubleheader with the Lady Mocs from Chattanooga, falling 7-0 and 10-5 respectively.

Game one was all about location problems for the Eagles as Chattanooga scored two runs in the top of the first via wild pitch, and another in the third the same way.

Four hits in the top of the third added three more runs in the frame for the Lady Mocs.

The seven runs of support were more than enough for starter Ashley Frizzell who scattered seven hits and struck out three.

Logan Free took the loss in game one for the Lady Eagles. She pitched effectively, allowing just four hits and fanning two.

However, the two walks that she allowed, coupled with some very timely hits, and equally untimely wild pitches, allowed the game to get away.

In game two, the Lady Eagles got



James Hall/STAFF

A Lady Eagle softball player rounds first during an Eagles' game earlier this season. The Eagles lost two to Chattanooga Saturday before rebounding with a win on Sunday.

straight to work.

Senior center fielder Shanita Black led off with a triple and was driven home by a Heather Smith sacrifice fly, giving GSU a 1-0 lead.

Chattanooga was quick to answer,

scoring three in the top of the third. Chattanooga got back-to-back home runs from shortstop Tara Tembey and Ashleigh Bull, giving the Lady Mocs a 3-1 advantage.

In the fifth, with two outs and two runs already across for the Lady Mocs, Chattanooga center fielder Ashlan Clarkson blasted a three run homer, making it 8-1.

GSU would rally late, but couldn't quite come up with the win. Shortstop Aubrey Thweatt led off the bottom of the sixth with a solo shot to left center. That was quickly followed by a Shanita Black single and a double by Heather Smith.

With one out, left fielder Aurora Johnson singled to left, scoring Black. Chattanooga's reliever got the next two batters out and escaped the inning.

GSU rallied once more in the bottom of the seventh, loading the bases with just one out.

Heather Smith came up big again, smashing a single through the hole at shortstop and bringing in two runners. With two runners on, senior second baseman Gina

Sterchi hit a shot that seemed to be heading down the left field line for another clutch hit.

Chattanooga's third baseman snared the hard grounder, stepped on third, and flipped to first for the game ending double play.

The Georgia Southern offense came alive Sunday, however, scoring eight runs, but had to hold off a late rally to avoid a three-game sweep, defeating the Lady Mocs 8-7.

The Eagles improve to 18-22 and 2-4 in the SoCon while the Lady Mocs fall to 22-24 and 2-4.

"I don't think that mentally we were where we were supposed to be yesterday," said GSU head coach Natalie Poole.

"I think we just didn't play our game. We came out earlier this week against Troy and played a whole lot better and with more excitement and took it to them."

Down 8-2 going into the top of the seventh, Chattanooga loaded the bases with no one out; Ashleigh Bull drove in a run with a fielder's choice and another walk loaded the bases again, bringing up sophomore

Ashlan Clarkson. Clarkson deposited a 3-1 pitch over the fence in right-center field to bring the Lady Mocs within one, 8-7.

"I definitely didn't think we'd be in a nail-biting situation in that last inning," added Poole, "but they came out, got a few hits, and started building some momentum."

The Lady Eagles moved to 1-4 in Southern Conference play and are 17-22 overall on the season.

They continue SoCon play next weekend as they travel to Greenville for a three game series with Furman.

Game 1			
Score by Innings	R	H	E
Chattanooga.....	204	100	0-7 9 1
Georgia Southern.....	000	000	0-0 7 0
Game 2			
Score by Innings	R	H	E
Chattanooga.....	003	052	0-10 11 1
Georgia Southern.....	100	002	2-5 9 2
Game 3			
Score by Innings	R	H	E
Chattanooga.....	002	000	5-7 11 1
Georgia Southern.....	003	104	X-8 12 0

Two for baseball at Davidson

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern Baseball took two of three from Davidson this weekend at Wilson Field.

Everett Teaford pitched his second complete game of the season but a lack of run support cost Georgia Southern, losing 6-0 at Davidson Friday night in Southern Conference play. The Eagles were shutout for the first time in 85 games.

Teaford got the first two outs of the first but Jay Heafner singled then Gregory Zage nailed a 2-run homer.

The junior left-hander (3-3) overtook third place on the all-time strikeout list - passing William Rushing, Chuck Lusted and Dennis Dove - with 293 for his career.

Teaford has received just seven total runs of support in his last three starts.

A day after getting shutout, GSU erupted for 13 runs on 18 hits, holding off Davidson 13-11 Saturday.

Matt Miller was hit by a pitch and Chris Shehan singled. This time, however, the Eagles wound up scoring four runs. Justin Klinger hit a 2-run double, Jeremiah Parker lined a RBI single and Mike Economos hit a RBI double.

Klinger responded to two Davidson runs in the second with a 2-run homer, his team-leading fourth.

Five straight hits by Georgia Southern in the fifth led to a four-run outburst. The next inning, Brett Pelfrey nailed a 3-run shot down the left field line.

David Cogswell got into a jam in the eighth when he gave up a one-out double, putting the tying runs in scoring position. But a shallow flyball and strikeout ended the threat.

Cogswell picked up his fifth save when Wilson hit into a game-ending 6-4-3 double play.

Klinger equaled career-highs with three hits and four RBI. Griffin Benedict paced the offense thanks to a season-high 4-hit game.

Freshman Chris Shehan lined a 2-run single up the middle with two outs in the ninth inning, sending GSU past Davidson 4-3 Sunday afternoon. That was the first win in 14 games in which the Eagles (15-15 overall, 4-2 SoCon) trailed after eight innings.

With two down, starter Rob Wilson hit pinch-hitter Will Southwell. The Wildcats then brought in closer Jay Heafner.

Matt Miller lined a double to put runners at second and third. After fouling off a couple of pitches, Shehan sent a one up the middle scoring both, the first time GSU scored a run in the ninth inning this year.

Tuesday, GSU travels to Georgia Tech for a two-game series.

Football continues spring practice



Chase Lanier/STAFF

GSU quarterback Zack Stanford throws to wide receiver RiChard Davis in a throwing drill during spring practice.

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern football team practiced for the fifth overall time Saturday from 9:30-noon. The morning practice was the third in full pads for the Eagles at the GSU athletic training complex.

A good portion of the practice was spent in 11-on-11 competition between the offense and defense. Head coach Brian VanGorder commented afterwards on his feelings about where both sides sit.

"The offense had a much better showing than the defense did. We gave them some competition there at the end, both sides felt that competition and you saw that enthusiasm."

"(With the defense), I continue to feel good about effort; I think their intentions are right. They're seeing plays for the first and second time and are still training their eyes, they've been out of football for some months

now and with different schemes, it's a process."

VanGorder went on to comment about the emergence of the tight end position that the Eagles hope to utilize next season.

"They (the tight ends) are going to be an important role in terms of our blocking and our run game and will be important in play action and some things that we'll do as far as option left and such with tight ends. The better they do in practice, the more important their opportunities are going to be. We're going to try to take advantage of really what they can do and we're still finding out what that is."

Currently, juniors Hal Scarborough and Charlie Giacommaro, along with senior Chris Dickerson have converted to the tight end position.

Spring practice concludes April 22 with the Blue-White game. GSU will continue with spring practice on Monday (April 3) from 4-6:30 p.m.

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