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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006

Learn to 'swing' with dance classes this spring

By Kelly Jones
Staff writer

Get ready to dance. Ballroom dancing classes will be taught for three nights in April and May from 7 to 8 p.m. at the University Plaza college dance studio. Instructor Reba Barnes will be teaching three of the most common southern dances: the Swing, Carolina Shag and the Foxtrot.

"It gives people freedom to go into a ballroom dancing situation and not feel embarrassed," said coordinator J. Marie Lutz.

Participants should wear loose clothes and comfortable shoes to the lessons. The classes are open to anyone and participants do not have to come with a partner. The fee for the class is \$25 per person participating.

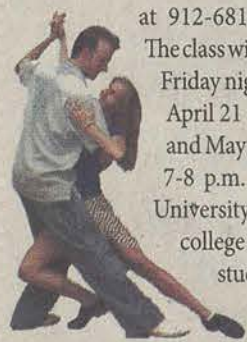
Several organizations on campus will be hosting formal dances in the coming week, including the Baptist Student Union on April 21 and the Wesley Foundation on April 22.

Students looking for other places to learn dance moves can go to Swing Catz on Tuesday nights from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Williams Center. Swing Catz is a place for beginners intermediate and advanced dancers.

"I learned how to swing dance in only a couple of weeks and now me and my partner are working on the more advanced moves like the twirls and the dip," said GSU student Justin Graham. Beginners can learn the Swing dance and the Charleston.

Those wishing to register for the ballroom dancing classes should call the dance studio at 912-681-5551.

The class will meet Friday nights on April 21 and 28 and May 5 from 7-8 p.m. at the University Plaza college dance studio.



Counting the days

Seniors have 17 days to get ready for graduation



File Photo

By Juliet Macdonald
Staff writer

Graduation is two weeks away, and students are scrambling to get through the last of the semester. For some, the end of the semester means their last days of college. There are a lot of things graduating students need to get done before the big day, including paying fines and deciding what to wear under the gown.

According to Registrar Mike Deal, all the information students need to prepare for graduation is covered in the commencement brochure they should have received in the mail. It is also available online at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/resistrar/graduation>.

Deal encourages students to take transit to the ceremony. "The brochure contains information on parking and shuttle services," said Deal. "We would encourage people to not all try to park at the stadium."

Governor Sonny Perdue will speak at this year's graduation on

May 6. The ceremony will either be held outside at Paulson stadium at 9 a.m. or in the Hanner Fieldhouse in case of rain. Check the rain plan in the brochure for more information.

If the graduation ceremony is moved to Hanner, Northland Cable channels 2 and 97 and The Buzz 91.9 will cover the change in plans.

Marketing major Katherine DellaPorta, a senior graduating this semester, said, "The graduation audit, that's the most important thing."

She said that the graduation clearance forms have to be filled out with your advisor. Its purpose is to make sure all the classes required for graduation have been completed successfully.

Many senior students are worried about failing a class in their final semester. Their biggest concern is having to return to Statesboro to complete the required classes during the summer term. If you have any further questions, call the Registrar's office at 912-681-0070.

In order to clear for graduation, see **GRAD**, page 3



Special Photo

A woman lights candles at a Relay for Life ceremony.

'Colleges Against Cancer' prepares for Relay For Life

By Lauren Jones
Staff writer

Colleges Against Cancer, Georgia Southern's student branch of the American Cancer Society, is helping to prepare for this weekend's Relay For Life.

The Bulloch County Relay For Life is Friday, April 21, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairgrounds. The Relay For Life is an overnight event that raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society.

During the Relay For Life, teams of people gather and take turns walking or running laps around a track. Each team tries to keep one member on the track for the entire 24 hour period.

Colleges Against Cancer President Amanda Brown is working hard to make this year's Relay For Life a Success. She has been visible on campus recruiting GSU students to participate.

"Being a part of the Relay For Life is a great way to get involved in the Statesboro community and to help in the fight against cancer," Brown said.

Some of the duties of Colleges Against Cancer members at the Relay include setting up tents, directing people to their tent locations, collecting money and helping with entertainment.

"Even if you are not a member of a team participating in the walk on Friday night, you can still come and see what it is all about," Colleges Against Cancer member Lindsay Smith said. There will be a Disk Jockey playing music all night long, and other events to enjoy.

A few of the events taking place during the night are a Lip Syncing contest and performances by several local singers and local dance teams.

The 2006 Bulloch County Relay For Life is already a success. There are 105 total teams participating. Out of that, 23 of those teams are GSU students. This is up from the 18 college teams that participated last year.

This means that GSU students are concerned about the efforts of the American Cancer Society and want to do what they can to help.

The Relay For Life is a victory walk for cancer survivors, and for cancer patients it is a walk of hope. For those who are not touched by cancer it is giving back to the community.

If you would like to make a donation to the fight against cancer, please contact your local American Cancer Society or contact a Colleges Against Cancer member.

Program allows incoming college students to pay fixed 4-year tuition rate

By Greg Bluestein
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Students entering Georgia colleges would pay more this fall, but would then be locked into the same fixed tuition throughout four years of schooling under a program approved Tuesday by the state Board of Regents and backed

by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

The "fixed for four" program aims to give parents, students and universities more certainty in planning for college tuition. It also would encourage students to graduate on time, said Chancellor Erroll Davis.

Under the program, incoming students would pay the same tuition

rate their freshman year as their senior year. Tuition rates could still rise each year for incoming students, but that rate would be locked — like a fixed-rate mortgage — through four years of college.

"This helps Georgians by giving them a certainty as they plan out family resources," said Perdue, who

praised the regents' "courage" in unanimously approving the plan.

The election-year move comes as state tuition rates continue to rise. In the last four years, tuition for Georgia residents at the state's four research schools jumped from \$1,316 in 2002 to \$1,819 this year — a 38 percent hike.

Paulson Student Research Awards support undergraduate projects

GSU News Service

As a kid growing up in the Central Georgia town of Kathleen, Trever Slack was fascinated by rocks: their colors, their shapes and their textures.

Now a senior geology major at Georgia Southern, Slack has channeled his childhood interest into a serious analysis of rocks found in the state's Coastal Plain.

Working with Charles Trupe, who is a professor in the department of geology and geography, Slack has been collecting data on fractures in Miocene sedimentary rocks that are between five million and 25 million years old.

To date, Slack has measured some 900 fractures at approximately 25 locations in Bulloch County. The fracture orientations will be analyzed to reveal some of the tectonic stresses the region has experienced.

"There's very little geologic data

on the southeastern Coastal Plain," Slack said. "So the first thing we're doing is adding data to the existing set."

Slack is one of a dozen undergraduates who received a total of \$25,000 in research funding through a new program in the University's Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology (COST).

Called the Paulson Student Research Awards, the program is designed to encourage and increase undergraduate research at GSU.

"These awards will help the students gain hands-on knowledge about the research process, including reading the literature, acquiring data and writing and presenting their findings," said Bruce A. Schulte, the director of the COST College Office of Undergraduate Research (COUR), which administered the Paulson awards.

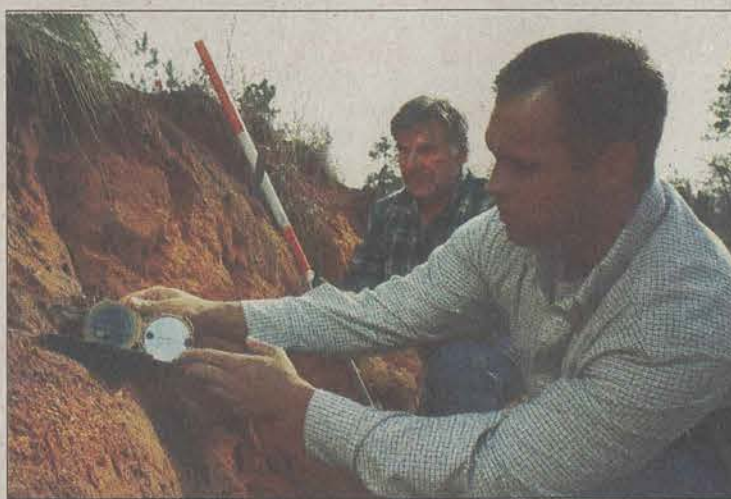
GSU has been elevated from Masters I status to Doctoral/Research

status by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the national classification body for American universities.

To emphasize the important role that faculty and student research plays in its mission, GSU is celebrating Research Week from Monday, April 17, through Friday, April 21.

As part of the celebration, the winners of the Paulson Student Research Awards will make oral presentations on April 17 from 4 until 6:30 p.m. in the Professional Development Center of the College of Information Technology Building.

Slack received \$1,758.88 in Paulson funding for his project, which is titled "A structural analysis of fractures in Miocene rocks of the Georgia Coastal Plain." The study has already yielded one surprise: newly discovered fossil evidence suggests that a significant part of the region was once underwater.



Special Photo

Geology major Trever Slack, right, teams up with geology professor Charles Trupe to study fractures in Miocene sedimentary rocks.

"The presence of ghost shrimp burrows seems to indicate that at least some of the rocks were deposited in an intertidal or shallow marine environment," Trupe said. Speaking of water, much of the

study involves sandstone, which is layered above the Floridian Aquifer, the source of most of the Coastal Plain's water.

"The implications for ground- see **AWARD**, page 3



Bryan Metcalf/STAFF

Freshman cadet Ryan Holmes is being awarded the Military Order of the World Wars, bronze, by Colonel Leslie Smith. The award honors cadets who excel in all military and scholastic aspects of the ROTC program.

ROTC cadets awarded

By Bryan Metcalf
Staff writer

On Thursday, April 13, Georgia Southern's Eagle Battalion ROTC unit held their annual spring awards ceremony.

After a brief introduction from Lt. Colonel William Gillespie, guest of honor Colonel Leslie Smith took the microphone and presented a brief speech to the cadets. Smith, a 1983 commissionee and 1985 graduate of GSU, spoke to the cadets about his LTCM approach to leadership.

Smith told cadets that they must lead by example, remember that everything they do is training, do what needs to be done; the tougher the training, the more they care about their soldiers' development, and that everything must be maintained.

Smith said that he was very proud to come back and see the cadets doing great things. He concluded his speech with the quote: "It is not the politician that guarantees freedom, it's the soldier."

Following the speech was the presentation of the awards. More than 30 cadets received awards for everything from academic performance and leadership potential to

physical fitness testing.

The Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award was presented to four cadets who were in the top 25 percent of their ROTC class based on officer potential. Cadets Adam Erickson (senior), Alena Parker (junior), Brandon Atkins (sophomore) and Ryan Holmes (freshman) received the award.

One of the more interesting awards was the Scottish American Military Society Award. The award is presented to an outstanding cadet with the purpose of preserving and promoting Scottish and American Armed forces customs, traditions and heritage. The award itself is an engraved highland dirk. Senior Cadet Randall Brown received the award.

The final award of the evening was the Rotary Club of Metter Top Eagle Award. Presented to the cadet who has consistently committed full support to the battalion, maintains unquestionable loyalty, and provides outstanding leadership to the battalion, the award consists of a two foot tall bronze eagle and \$300. Cadet Erickson received the award and will receive his money at a later date.

Play to portray lives of 'Church Folk'

By Anthony Fierstos
Staff writer

Revival Fire, Georgia Southern's campus ministry, is presenting the play 'Church Folk' as part of its 2006 Inspiration series. The play, which will be performed Sunday, April 23, is the culminating event in a weeklong prayer and worship run.

"The play is about how people in the church are expected to be perfect," said GSU student and play director Crystal Neal. "But we all know that even church-goers have issues and overcome struggles using the word of God."

Neal, who described the plot as a comedy/drama, said, "Church members might have titles [reverend, bishop] but they also might have

domestic or other types of problems. That is the focus of this production."

Pastor Paul Johnson started the Revival Fire at his apartment in 1998. It now has a steady membership of about 20 students on campus and weekly church attendance of between 50 and 100 students. Johnson also owns 'PJAZE Productions,' a recording company that helps to produce plays.

"Although we will be hosting important worship sessions and speakers all week, I expect the play will have the best student turnout," Johnson said. "We hope to look inside people's lives and see how church members have problems, too."

The Inspiration series is a weeklong event sponsored by Revival Fire. Tra-

vis Greene will speak on Wednesday, April 19. Bishop Jeff Poole of New Hope International will speak Thursday, April 20. Minister Nathan Rossi of Revival Fire will address students on Friday, April 21.

Each speaker will present at the Rotunda at 7 p.m. Following Rossi's presentation there will be an after party at Spirit & Truth. A concert will be held Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Although promotional posters advertise a \$5 ticket cost to the concert, Neal said that entry is free.

'Church Folk' will be performed on Sunday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the GSU Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more information, contact 478-954-5016.



Rachel McDaniel/STAFF

Cleaning up deconstruction

The remains of the old Welcome Center on Sweetheart Circle are being cleared. According to Director of Parking Services, Bob Chambers, the building has served its purpose over the years but has fallen into disrepair. "It used to be University Police and public safety, but parking and transportation moved in in 1993. The ground where it was built was very wet and so there were always moisture issues with that facility and it got to the point where it was going to cost more to fix it than it was worth. It's part of the life cycle of office buildings," he said.

Chambers said right now the immediate plans are to level the area and plant grass, but no further plans are underway. The Welcome center is currently located in Lewis Hall.

Senior art exhibit to feature jewelry and sculpture

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern BFA candidate Linda Hupman will open her Senior Jewelry and Sculptural Exhibition on Monday, April 24, at the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro.

The exhibition will be presented in the Youth Gallery on the third floor. The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will continue through Friday, April 28, when a closing reception will be held.

Hupman will complete her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with an emphasis in jewelry and metalsmithing, at GSU in May. Previously, she earned an Associate of Arts degree in computer animation, with a minor in film.

Hupman hopes to continue her education as well as create work in her medium. Hupman's Senior Jewelry and Sculptural Exhibition is a culmination of her research and an exploration of form and color in the creation of this body of work.

Her pieces, which are handcrafted, reflect her love of intricate designs and most are inspired by nature. Hupman works primarily in fine and sterling silver and many of her pieces also include the use of vitreous enamels, cloisonné wire and semi-precious stones.

She often incorporates the use of paper and board to create unique



Special to the G-A

Hupman's senior art exhibition will feature jewelry and sculpture similar to the picture above. It will open in the Averitt Center on April 24.

environments on which to display her work when the pieces are not being worn.

Hupman said, "My concentration in jewelry has allowed me to use metal as a form of expression that involves the use of my hands and whole body and to explore my love of intricate designs."

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Averitt Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the artist at Lindah@frontiernet.net.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 19

10 a.m.

In honor of Earth Day Statesboro artist Tom Amettis will present "Art From Found Objects." The workshop is drop-in and all materials will be provided
Henderson Library

5 p.m.

Belgian graphic designer Guy Schockaert will speak on "Typography, Book Design and Design of Visual Communication"
Arts Building Auditorium

6 p.m.

SGA Meeting
Russell Union Room 2047

8 p.m.

Theatre & Performance present "She Stoops to Conquer." For reservations and ticket information call 681-5379
Black Box Theatre

Thursday, April 20

12:30 p.m.

Brown-bag forum to discuss Foundations of Excellence surveys and future
Russell Union Room 2075

6 p.m.

African Student Association Meeting
Russell Union Room 2047

8 p.m.

Theatre & Performance present "She Stoops to Conquer." For reservations and ticket information call 681-5379
Black Box Theatre

8 p.m.

Brass Chamber Recital
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

Friday, April 21

6 p.m.

Jazz Band & Concert Band
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m.

Theatre & Performance present "She Stoops to Conquer." For reservations and ticket information call 681-5379
Black Box Theatre

8 p.m.

Senior Recital
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

Saturday, April 22

8 p.m.

Theatre & Performance present "She Stoops to Conquer." For reservations and ticket information call 681-5379
Black Box Theatre

8 p.m.

Senior Recital
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

Sunday, April 23

Monday, April 24

BFA Exhibition, Silvia Arifin, "Fine Focus"
Foy Fine Arts Building

10 a.m.

Funny Foto Fun: Participants can put their face on an athlete or celebrity and can receive a free copy of the picture on a button, card or sticker
Russell Union Rotunda

10 a.m.

Staff Awards of Excellence ceremony
Performing Arts Center

1 p.m.

General Student Recital
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

8 p.m.

Senior Recital
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

Tuesday, April 25

11 a.m.

Grillin' with Student Life: Free hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers
Russell Union Rotunda

7:30 p.m.

Choral Concert
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

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THE BIG STORY

Tobacco battle intensifies

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The battle over money the tobacco industry owes states under their 1998 settlement intensified Tuesday after talks to resolve the dispute fizzled.

A spokesman for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. said Tuesday that the weeks-long negotiations between the states and tobacco companies had broken down.

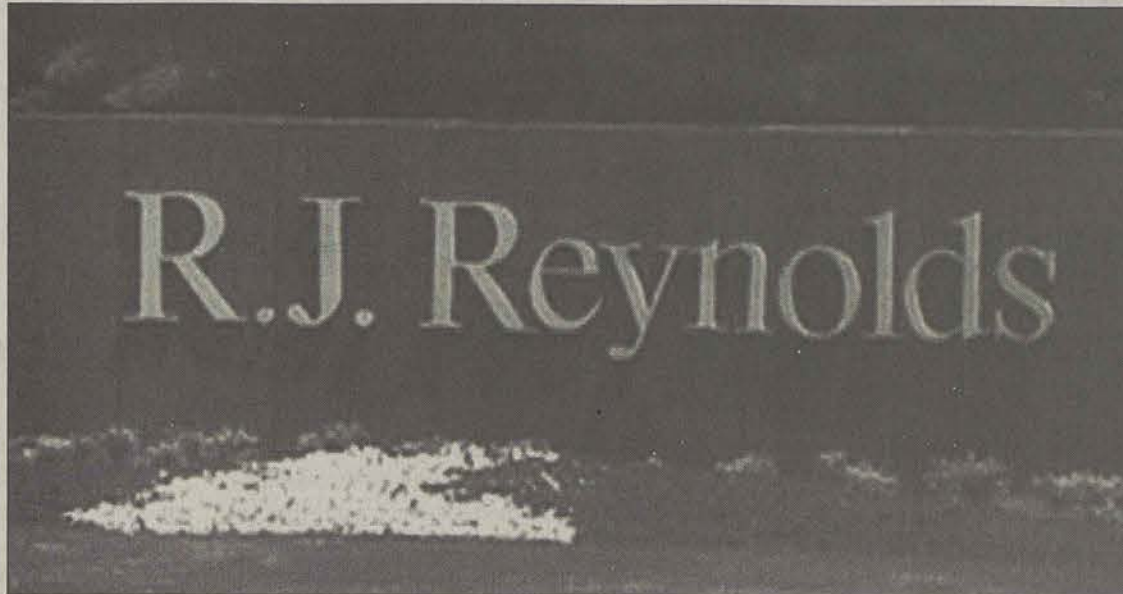
"We had tried to work hard with the states to resolve this very difficult matter and are disappointed an agreement couldn't be reached," said David Howard, a spokesman for the No. 2 cigarette maker.

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed suit Tuesday to recoup more money from the companies. "We were, and remain, entitled to full payment," Lockyer said in a statement.

Attorneys general in New Jersey and Ohio also filed lawsuits against the industry Tuesday.

Officials in New York and Connecticut said they, and other states, would probably take similar steps. "We're continuing to review our options, but certainly a lawsuit looks likely this week," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said in an interview.

On Monday, R.J. Reynolds and No. 3 cigarette maker Lorillard Tobacco



Special Photo

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco is one of the companies right now caught in dispute with the states over how much money the tobacco companies owe due to confusion over certain provisions to their contracts with the states.

Co. said they had put more than \$750 million aside rather than hand it over to the states.

R.J. Reynolds paid the states about \$1.4 billion but withheld \$647 million, putting it in an escrow account until the dispute is resolved.

Lorillard paid the states a little more than \$550 million and put another \$108 million aside until the issue is resolved.

Industry leader Philip Morris USA said earlier this month it had made all of its \$3.4 billion payment, but that it believes the sum should

be reduced.

Philip Morris spokesman Michael Neese said his company is still trying to work with the states to resolve the issue.

The tobacco companies say the disputed amount — roughly \$1.2 billion in total — is money they should get to keep because of a provision in the settlement that allows the cigarette makers to pay less if they have lost market share to smaller companies that weren't part of the settlement.

An economic consulting firm concluded last month that the agreement

— which set restrictions on cigarette advertising, promotion and marketing — was a "significant factor" contributing to the loss of market share for companies that settled.

The states' attorneys general say the companies would be entitled to a reduction only if states did not adequately enforce laws requiring cigarette makers outside the settlement to put money in escrow for future legal obligations.

The tobacco companies contend the issue should go to arbitration, in which a three-judge panel would weigh

Georgia Aquarium whale gets vet treatment

Associated Press

ATLANTA — One of the Georgia Aquarium's two prized beluga whales has received veterinary treatment for possible respiratory complications and skin lesions, officials said Tuesday.

Gasper, the male beluga whale brought to the Atlanta aquarium after being rescued from a Mexico City amusement park, was expected to undergo a medical examination

Tuesday by a team of veterinarians and specialists.

Officials moved him to a secondary holding pool, where caretakers can provide him with appropriate medical care and more aggressively treat his lesions.

"Gasper was showing the first signs of not feeling well, and we decided to bring him into an area where we can more closely observe and work with him," said Dr. Howard Krum, Manager Veterinary Services

said in a statement.

The whale came to the Georgia Aquarium in October grossly underweight and with skin lesions.

Veterinary staff members then tried to diagnose what was causing the lesions.

"We believe that the skin lesions and respiratory complications are symptoms of the underlying cause of Gasper's ailment," Tim Binder, the aquarium's animal husbandry director said in the statement.

"We are using every resource, inside and outside the Aquarium, to diagnose the underlying cause."

Gasper's skin lesions were treated with an antimicrobial ointment developed by the University of Georgia.

Aquarium officials also put the whale on a high-calorie diet to bring him back to the weight appropriate for an animal of his size.

Officials said he has gained "a significant amount of weight."

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water issues in the region are significant because these fractures occur throughout the confining layers of the Floridian Aquifer system," Slack said.

"When you have water flowing through the fractures, you can also have contaminants flowing through them.

"By understanding how the fractures are arranged, we can help people predict where the contaminants are going to flow and how they're going to affect the surrounding area."

To be eligible for a Paulson award, a student must be enrolled as an undergraduate major in one of the units of COST.

The units of COST include the School of Technology and the departments of biology, chemistry, geology and geography, mathematical sciences and physics.

In addition, the student must be mentored by a member of the COST faculty.

Each student had to submit an application that included a description of the proposed research project, an explanation of how the experience would benefit both the student and the mentor's research program, and a proposed budget of up to \$2,500.

Schulte and the Academic Excellence Committee reviewed the applications and met with COST Associate Dean Bret Danilowicz to determine the winners and the amounts of their awards.

"The application process for these awards was very rigorous," Schulte said.

The awards are divided into two categories: one for the School of Technology and one for the various math and science departments.

In addition to making an oral presentation during Research Week, the winners are required to submit a final manuscript in the format of an appropriate selected journal.

Students awarded for research

Matthew Franks of Lafayette, Ga. He received \$2,400 for a mechanical engineering technology project titled "Weibull analysis of fatigue data for aluminum samples with different geometry and size stress concentrations." His mentor is associate professor Brian Vlcek.

John T. Hudson Jr. of Cairo, Ga. He received \$2,500 for a civil engineering technology project titled "Influence of CRM type and size on the properties of rubberized concrete." His mentors are associate professor Nirmal K. Das and temporary assistant professor Junan Shen.

Buford Parker of Ellabell, Ga. He received \$2,450 for a mechanical engineering technology project titled "Weibull analysis of fatigue data of different aluminum alloys." His mentor is Vlcek.

The Math/Science awards were presented to Slack and the following students: Amber M. Erickson of Bonaire, Ga. She received \$2,500 for a biology project titled "Investigation of calreticulin gene exon-intron structure in insects to test the hypothesis of 'introns-late' theory. Her mentor is associate professor Quentin Fang.

James Kevin Hand of Augusta, Ga. He received \$2,483.49 for a chemistry project titled "The isolation of messenger RNA for the coding of the marine metabolite, adenochrome." His mentor is assistant professor Michelle McGibony.

Tiffany Hayes of Waycross, Ga. She received \$1,991 for a chemistry project titled "Light scattering and fluorescence studies of bile salt/phospholipids aggregates." Her mentor is associate professor Laura Frost.

Chris A. Nelson of Waynesboro, Ga. He received \$2,486 for a biology project titled "Characterization of novel Spiroplasma species." His mentor is associate professor Laura Regassa.

Darren Joshua Parris of East Dublin, Ga. He received \$2,404.37 for a biology project titled "An impact assessment of white-tailed deer

herbivory and the presence of Japanese honeysuckle on populations of bloodroot, a spring ephemeral herb." His mentor is associate professor Lissa Leege.

Kevin Roberson of Dublin, Ga. He received \$691 for a chemistry project titled "Computer-aided design of carbohydrate mimetics."

His mentor is associate professor Karen Welch.

Peter Way of Renton, Wash. He received \$2,498 for a biology project titled "Phylogenetic diversity analysis as a method for determining conservation prioritization in Malagasy genus Rhodocolea." His mentor is assistant professor Michelle Zjhra.

Alicia Wells of Augusta, Ga. She received \$837.26 for a chemistry project titled "Characterization of accelerants from burn residues of common household materials." Her mentor is associate professor Brian Koehler.

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all fees due to the university must be paid, including parking tickets, fees for the library and the Business Office.

Diplomas will be ordered at the end of each semester and after the graduation list has been finalized, which takes about two weeks. The graduates should receive diplomas in the mail approximately 12 to 14 weeks after the end of each semester.

Graduates are encouraged to update their diploma address and graduation e-mail address on WINGS before the end of the semester in which they are completing their requirements.

Majors and graduation with honors are noted on the diploma. Graduates from the Bell Honors Program and University Honors Program will be noted by seals.

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Quick, what's new

THE STATE

New law allows black officers access to retirement fund

ATLANTA — Black police officers who were denied access to a state retirement fund for years because of their race will now be able to enroll. Gov. Sonny Perdue signed into law Tuesday a measure that will allow anyone eligible for the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund in Georgia before Jan. 1, 1976, to join the program now, reversing a Jim Crow-era restriction. Any back benefits due to officers also would be paid out, costing the state at least \$20 million.

THE NATION

Moussaoui diagnosed schizophrenic

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Zacarias Moussaoui's behavior is abnormal even for an al-Qaida terrorist, a defense psychologist testified Tuesday. Xavier Amador diagnosed the Sept. 11, 2001 conspirator with paranoid schizophrenia after observing his actions and writings since 2002. He cited delusional beliefs firmly held by Moussaoui, including his conviction that President Bush will free him from prison and that his court-appointed lawyers are in a conspiracy to kill him.

THE WORLD

Mexico criticizes Georgia's newly approved anti-immigrant law

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government slammed a newly approved immigrant enforcement law in the U.S. state of Georgia, saying the legislation discriminates against Mexicans while failing to resolve the migration issue. Ruben Aguilar, the spokesman for President Vicente Fox, told a news conference Tuesday that Mexican consular officials will closely watch the application of the law, which gives Georgia some of the toughest measures against illegal immigrants in the United States.

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OUR VIEW

You say goodbye, we say hello

AT ISSUE: Student media changes hands as graduates head out the door and the remaining editors step it up

This year has been a growth spurt in the long history of The George-Anne. The newspaper made the jump from publishing three papers a week to serving student's curiosity with a paper every weekday, except Friday. The G-A Daily joined ranks with only 100 college newspapers in the country that publish daily, and it is one of only two in the state of Georgia.

At the Georgia Collegiate Press Association conference this year, the G-A earned 16 awards for layout and design, best improvement, photography, content and overall excellence. Some staff writers won individual awards for excellent reporting.

Throughout the G-A's almost 80 years of publication, staff writers and editors have worked long hard hours to make sure the stories that mattered to students were there to read on time. Photographers have rushed to breaking news to snap the photos before the fire is out or the wreckage is cleared away.

Many students have worked to make the G-A better through the years, and contributions are always appreciated. Senior staff members who are graduating are genuinely missed, especially since years of working together to get through tough deadlines creates a family in the newsroom.

As the old masters of layout, design and organization leave the school for bigger opportunities, those who are left behind must take on the task of making the paper the best it has ever been. If the student family works together, the right articles will make it to the pages of the newspaper and influence readers.

A new year brings new goals, and the G-A staff hopes to meet student needs by covering the most relevant stories, like stories that make the difference between students knowing about scholarships or meeting financial aid deadlines. The staff wants to entertain, with stories on local talent, stories on community events

and features on campus individuals.

Next year, the G-A will expand its campus reach with an online newspaper with regular updates. Between published copy, students can check online anytime to see what breaking news has occurred.

Six staff members are graduating this semester, and there will be a huge gap to fill for the fall. If you have any interest in writing, being plugged into your campus or just padding your resume, the G-A Daily would like to encourage you to drop by the Williams Center or send us an email today. Become a member of the Student Media family.

Morgan Marsh THANK YOU

A thanks to hard working editors

As this school year comes to a close, it's finally sinking in, in just two weeks, The George-Anne Daily will lose two amazing editors.

Executive editor Luke Hearn and managing editor Adam Crisp are moving on to greater things after serving several loyal years at The George-Anne. With their guidance The George Anne went from a fairly ordinary three-day newspaper to a beautifully designed out daily paper with a circulation of over 6,500.

I can't even begin to explain how much I've learned from Adam and Luke in just the two years I've worked at the G-A. And I'll surely never be able to thank them enough for all they've taught me.

Which brings up a small point I'd really like to make: Luke and Adam, well mostly Luke as head-man-in-charge, received a lot negative feedback from readers this past year. Most were just typical rants about how the G-A is "too liberal" or is unfair or spiteful or favors certain groups or organizations, blah, blah, blah.

I will not even comment on any of these ridiculous accusations, but I must point out that none of these people — who obviously read the G-A regularly yet absolutely hate us — have never taken the time to visit the office and see for themselves what it takes to put together a daily college newspaper.

Adam and Luke have worked incredibly hard this past year to make The George-Anne a newspaper students want to read. They skip going out to happy hour for this newspaper. They skip hanging out with friends and visiting home on the weekends for this newspaper. They skip classes for this newspaper (I can say that now that you're graduating, right?).

They've dedicated the past year to serving Georgia Southern students, many of whom have nothing good to say about The George-Anne, yet have never taken any reasonable effort to change what they don't like. My point is, if you have a problem with the content in The George-Anne, get up here and try your hand at it. Or at the very least, offer your opinion for the editorial page.

Don't accuse us from the sideline of not doing things "right" or the way you want it done. Have the guts to come speak with us in person and explain your concerns, ideas and suggestions so we can actually help you, rather than feel like we're working our butts off for you, only to have you bitch and moan at us from your computer desk.

We're always hiring new writers and editors. We can always use the extra help. Instead of complaining to us, we'd love to have you as a new addition to The George-Anne staff.

Working at The George-Anne has been an amazing learning experience and I'm so fortunate to be a part of this family. It's been the type of work experience that I really couldn't have gotten from any other publication.

I started at The George-Anne as a page designer two years ago. I walked up to the office during the first week of classes, spoke to a few staff members, and began work the next day. It's that easy.

We're losing two great editors next year, and we'll surely miss them more than they know, but we'd love to have you join our team.

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Jason Reid: YOUR TURN

Good service is not a bad thing, just a rare thing

Jason Reid is a senior broadcasting major from Atlanta, Ga. He is a guest columnist for The George-Anne.

I recently had the fortune of good customer service. That should not be something to get too happy about, but more and more I've noticed that some individuals in the service industry just don't care about the customer. At this

particular place I was at, the attendant was very cordial, called me sir, and when she needed me to repeat something, she attached a 'please' to her sentence.

But this is where the story goes bad. At a stop light not too far from the restaurant, I noticed that I had the wrong order. I went back to the restaurant, walked inside, and explained what happened to an individual at the counter.

He made it seem like I was some sort of inconvenience to his glorious existence. I don't understand why. All I said was, "Excuse me, but I think I was given the wrong order." I didn't yell, scream, or use a sarcastic tone. But the self-proclaimed king of the restaurant responded to me like I was a bad person for wanting to receive the food I ordered. And don't try the whole, "maybe he was having a bad day" excuse, because there is no excuse for acting like an idiot towards a customer who treats you with respect.

This brings me to something that seems to make the news headlines every few months or so: minimum wage. There are a number of individuals who feel that \$5.15 is just not enough money to pay for their oh-so-deep list of skills. I hate to be the one to break it to you, but sometimes, better yet, most of the time, you have to start

at the bottom and work your way up. But maybe there is another answer?

What if the government were to come up with a pay system that reflected the amount of work a person puts into their specific position? For instance, what if the 'king' from my earlier story knew that his pay rate was directly tied into how he treated each customer he encountered? Sure, there are customers who are jerks, but each employer could take those individuals into account. It would work great with teachers too. Instead of concentrating so much on how high or low the test scores are in a class, the school system could monitor who shows up to work on time, who actually puts effort into knowing the material without the teacher's manual, etc.

Of course you have to take into account the students who don't do well because the professor is "too hard." Now my system is probably just a fantasy, but if you ever decide to actually save your beer money or become a well-informed citizen, let your state and federal representatives know that how you feel about minimum wage in this country.

Don't be a poll number. The media loves to show you poll numbers about elected officials as if they actually affect how our representatives act. I find it quite silly that some people put so much faith in these things. Those poll numbers then make those of us with the 'monkey-see, monkey-do' attitude feel as if they have a valid point when it comes to political debate. Don't be 'that guy.'

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Anne McGuire: YOUR TURN

Neuter or your pets or take care of the results

Today I took my puppy, Dixie, to the vet for the first time. It was a traumatic experience for the both of us—though probably more so for her since she was the one being assaulted through every orifice on her body. While sitting in the waiting room, watching Joe-Bob Redneck croon to his German Shepherd and trying to control my nervous, squirming fur child, I overheard a disturbing conversation between the nurse and a woman who was picking up her cat:

"She was pregnant—VERY pregnant. But she's not anymore. Just come back in a few days so we can check the stitches. We had to make a pretty big incision," said the nurse. The woman looked slightly annoyed, then continued on her merry little way.

Now I'm no bleeding-heart PETA activist, but it makes me cringe to think of what probably happened to those kittens. Several little lives were snuffed out, just because this lazy woman was too cheap or careless to get her cat spayed. Yes, it costs well over \$100, but it's more than worth it to help control the already staggering number of unwanted, homeless pets. So if you're considering getting a dog or cat, please do your part to give these animals homes and prevent more from ending up in the same situation. Adopt from a shelter, and neuter or spay as soon as possible. Rex might not like having his balls chopped off, but it's worth it in the end.

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Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Same day, but a different party

Tomorrow the calendar will read 4/20. Earth Day. There will be many green campaigns and people from all over the country will get together to support a clean and beautiful planet. But that's not all.

Tomorrow also marks the holiday of an underground community... the pot smokers. Yes — potheads across all states are searching for the best bag of green they can get their hands on while carefully cleaning and preparing their favorite pipes, bongs and hookahs.

While I myself am not a member of this ever-growing community, I still feel it is only right to acknowledge this group of people and their favorite pastime.

The debate whether or not marijuana should be legalized dates back to before any of us can remember. Supporters of the liberal pro-legalization side claim marijuana is ultimately harmless.

The short-term effects aren't nearly as powerful or dangerous as alcohol, and the long-term effects don't come close to those of cigarettes. So why is this petty drug deemed illegal and backed by harsh repercussions for those caught using it?

The contenders in the conservative anti-legalization side voice that if a drug like marijuana were legalized the prices would drop and usage would increase, ultimately leading to an even lazier America. They also supply evidence that marijuana is a gateway drug, and that users generally move on to more powerful and harmful drugs.

Marijuana isn't nearly as dangerous or harmful as people make it out to be, but at the same time it is overly abused.

I agree with both sides on this issue. Marijuana isn't nearly as dangerous or harmful as people make it out to be, but at the same time it is overly abused. People who smoke it don't get together on Friday nights and get high to Bill Maher.

Instead they smoke it every day. Before and after meals. Before and after school. Before and after work. Before and after sleep. I personally don't care to share the road with a bunch of people who feel like they're floating.

So where is the happy medium? How can we help people enjoy this drug without feeling threatened by a dangerous and super-lazy country? My vote goes to decriminalization. Treat marijuana like a traffic violation. High drivers are as dangerous as someone who doesn't know what a turn signal is — so fine them both \$50.

A valid and reliable field sobriety test for marijuana is already in the not-too-distant future. Besides, the current punishments for marijuana are both unnecessary and unjust. The users are paying way too much in both fines and jail time when caught, and the state is throwing way too many resources toward such a pointless cause.

Law enforcement will never win this "war on grass" and the smokers will never convince everyone that they should be able to toké up wherever and whenever they wish. It's time to find a realistic approach to this issue. It's time we understand stoners should be reminded of the law, but not treated like murderers for breaking it.

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Make small changes, make a difference

Keeping it clean and green needn't be intimidating

By Erin Wade
The Dallas Morning News

It's a big world out there, and keeping it clean is a big task – sometimes too big, with our busy lives. That's why that occasional soda bottle ends up in the garbage can instead of the recycling bin, and that box of packaged food seems like such a better deal than the locally grown, organic version. But, believe it or not, little things can make a big difference.

So if you're interested in going green, even just a little bit, don't be intimidated. It's not about judging, says Kate Macaulay, co-owner with Michael Johnson of Green Living in Lakewood, Texas. "One

woman said she was scared to come into the store because she drives an SUV," Macaulay says. "But we're just happy she came in."

Going green doesn't make your life more complicated; it's about simplifying. By making small changes you can save water and electricity, buy necessities less often, live healthier and help protect the environment.

Macaulay and Johnson learned a lot about simplicity when they lived in Azerbaijan, and other places overseas. "We'd see people live more simply, and to them it's a way of life," says Macaulay.

Johnson had a pair of shoes with holes in the bottom and threw them in the trash, thinking they were useless. But a woman who cared for

their home asked if she could have them.

"It's about finding a use for everything," Macaulay says.

"We wanted to apply what we learned when we came home and try to influence others."

We walked with them through the store, which has solutions for every room of your home, and talked about simple, low-cost eco-changes that can make a big impact. You can build your eco-conscience gradually, and learn to love how easy it is – and how good it feels – to go green.

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- You download music to an MP3 player. Have you stopped buying CDs? You're already cutting waste.
- You buy or sell on eBay. You get rid of stuff you don't need without trashing it, and you reduce the amount of packaging used to make new products.
- You don't rinse before putting dishes in the dishwasher. Consumer Reports tests show rinsing first doesn't improve cleaning. By skipping this step, you'll save up to 20 gallons of water per load, or 6,500 gallons per year.



GREEN GLOSSARY

Being "green" means being aware of your responsibility to the environment and to the community. Here are other common green terms and their meanings:

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- **Shade grown:** If you buy Fair Trade certified coffee, tea and chocolate, it is usually shade-grown. This means that the products you buy provide shelter for migratory birds and help reduce global warming.
- **Sustainable:** A method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.
- **Biodegradable:** The product has the ability to break down, safely and relatively quickly, by biological means, into raw materials of nature and disappear into the environment.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You're getting to the point in the discussion where money must be considered. You'd better figure out how much you have, and how much you're willing to give. Do it before the meeting.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - The controversy rages, and you could be caught in the middle. Hold out until tomorrow, and the problem will solve itself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Hurry and do an important household job before conditions change. Your career will take up a lot more of your time after tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Others begin to realize how much work you've done. Accept their appreciation. You've earned it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Thinking about the topic counts as mental preparation. Get your friends to help; don't try to do it all by yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - If you have experience, draw on it now and get much more for your efforts. If you don't have much experience, consult somebody who does.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Invest in finishing a project you've had hanging around for too long. It'll cost you a few bucks, but you'll make that much back, and more.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

- Today is a 7 - An obstacle you've been struggling with for weeks is beginning to fade. The next phase is easier, and a lot more fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Today is a 7 - No more procrastination. Do what you promised. Don't worry _ you will be well rewarded for your efforts.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Consult people who have more experience. They'll put you on the right path. Learn from their mistakes and save yourself a lot of time.

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Announcements 100 - 199

130 Lost & Found
LOST! Gray Rabbit ran away Monday, April 10th, near College Walk and Campus Club. Please call 404-452-2700; Small Reward.

140 Other Announcements

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SPORTS

Mike Anthony
PLAYING FOR KEEPS

Defining 'recreational' competition

The various intramural sports offered by CRI exist to "provide students, faculty and staff the opportunity for competition and fun in a variety of team and individual sports activities."

Every year, hundreds of students take advantage of this opportunity and meet new friends while getting exercise and having some fun. Then there are those who see intramurals as they are truly meant to be viewed... entirely too seriously.

My team for the past three years, The Beers, has participated in almost every team sport that is offered here at GSU, and as the softball playoffs get underway this week, we find ourselves once again totally consumed with anticipation, excitement, and possibly just too much competitive fire.

It gets out of hand sometimes. I admit that. We're a group of sports crazed non-athletes that will stop at nothing to win an intramural championship. Our overindulgence started small, as most addictions do, with team uniforms. In our attempts to one-up every other team on campus, we've taken some drastic steps.

This spring, we unveiled pin-striped baseball pants for the softball team. There are talks of warm-ups for next year's basketball lineup, and two team members have custom Beers hats, complete with their name and uniform number stitched onto the back. We even dedicated a facebook group to all current and former members of The Beers.

For some, it may be hard to understand why this "friendly competition" is taken so seriously, but I see nothing wrong with it. Someday say that the intensity shown by some teams takes away from the intended spirit of the games, but I would say that the opposite is true.

Just because we have laminated diagrams of our flag football plays or wear eye black to combat the sun setting right over the backstop doesn't make us bad people. What makes us bad people is that we can spot a plainclothes CRI official who once shafted us on a call from 200 yards away, or the frequent funerals of close relatives that must be attended in lieu of classes that just happen to coincide with playoff games.

While most people might see these actions as immature, I choose to believe that we are just doing what is necessary to keep playing the sports that we love so much.

The overzealous intramural participants are only competitive because we live off of all the excitement that sports have to offer. Just because I no longer represent my school when I play shouldn't mean that I can't still take the game seriously and try my hardest to win.

None of us will be running through the Furman secondary for a touchdown anytime soon, but why does that mean that we should be looked down upon for scouting and game-planning for our game against the C4 division leader next week?

That being said, I call upon everyone to just let us overanxious IM teams worry about ourselves. Sure, there is the occasional argument or pushing and shoving match, but it rarely escalates from there.

Personally, I believe intramurals are a stress reliever and good exercise, not to mention the fact that The Beers have become some of my closest friends here at GSU... Huh. That's funny. Fun, exercise, meeting new people and forming friendships. Sounds like my overly competitive team is exactly what intramurals are all about.



Mike Anthony is a junior sports management major from Kennesaw.

GSU wins Conference golf title

Georgia Southern won its first SoCon men's golf championship since 2003 with a three-over team total of 867 at the 2006 SoCon Men's Golf Championship at the par 72 The Links at Stono Ferry.

With the win, GSU will advance to its sixth straight NCAA Regional Tournament appearance. Georgia Southern was led by second place individual finisher and first team All-SoCon member Bryan Jones, who finished the final day with a 69.

Leg injury puts Ken Griffey Jr. back on DL

Ken Griffey Jr. said Tuesday that he agreed to go on the 15-day disabled list to let his leg heal fully and to help the Cincinnati Reds with a roster predicament. The team wanted to put the 36-year-old outfielder on the disabled list Monday night after a medical test found an inflamed tendon behind his right knee. Griffey had missed five games at that point. Griffey went along even though he should be ready to play before he's eligible to return in 10 days.



Tennis seeks championship



GSU women's tennis players Molly Maddox, left, and Lauren Wolken, right, get ready to play the next point in their tennis match against College of Charleston on April 5.

By A.J. Battisto
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team looks to propel and build momentum going into Southern Conference Tournament play this weekend after a convincing 5-2 victory over the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

On Thursday, the opening round of Southern Conference play will start in Charleston S.C., where the Lady Eagles will be matched up against Western Carolina. If they can defeat Western Carolina they will play the No. 2 seed Davidson.

As a team their overall record is 6-14 and 3-5 in SoCon play. Although the Lady Eagles are seeded low and have five new faces in the program, head coach Amy Bartlett-Bonner likes the team's odds going into the tournament, since GSU "has nothing to lose, no pressure at all is placed on us."

Bonner and the Lady Eagles are heading back to Charleston S.C., the team's "second home." She anticipates that her leadership, knowledge and experience at the tournament will rub off on her two seniors, Kim Wollett and Szilvia Zsakay, as well as the rest of the team.

Wollett and Zsakay will be counted upon heavily to win their singles. Wollett and Zsakay have picked up a combined seven wins in singles for the Lady Eagles this spring.

Bonner and the Lady Eagles have

a 3-5 record against their opponents in the Southern Conference.

The team has young and promising talent, according to Molly Maddox, a member of the team and number two singles player.

"Our 3-5 record as a team does not do us justice because some of the matches could have gone either way," said Maddox. "We have great upperclassmen to lead us and give us some advice on what to expect at the tournament."

Five of the nine Lady Eagles will compete in their first match this Thursday.

This does not change their previous goals that were instilled by Bonner in the beginning of the season, "to always try and never give up."

They will need to stick to this motto because Furman University, the regular season Southern Conference Champions, comes in unblemished with a 9-0 record. Furman has won the regular season title every season since 1999 and has won the SoCon Tournament in each of the last two years. The Lady Eagles plan on bringing home some heavy merchandise when they return to Statesboro.

If the Lady Eagles beat Western Carolina in their first match play, they will face the No. 2 seed in the tournament, Davidson, on Friday at 8 a.m. in Charleston.

Two Duke players arrested

By Tim Whitmire
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Two Duke University lacrosse players were arrested on rape charges Tuesday in a scandal that has rocked one of America's elite campuses and raised explosive questions of race, class and the privileged status of college athletes.

The two players — both graduates of Northern prep schools — were promptly booked and released on bail. District Attorney Mike Nifong said a third player could also be arrested but has yet to be firmly identified.

Lawyers for the two men bitterly assailed the district attorney for bringing the charges. Other attorneys for Duke's lacrosse players said the two were not even present at the time the rape is alleged to have occurred.

Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., are accused of

attacking a stripper at a team party at an off-campus house on the night of March 13. They were charged with first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping and were released on \$400,000 bail each.

The district attorney would not say what evidence led to the charges. But Seligmann's attorney, Kirk Osborn, said: "Apparently it was a photographic identification. And we all know how reliable that is."

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," Osborn said. "He's doing great."

The case has raised racial tensions and heightened the long-standing town-vs.-gown antagonism between Duke students and middle class, racially mixed Durham. The accuser is black, and all but one of the 47 lacrosse team members are white.

Well before the scandal, the nationally ranked team had a reputation for a swaggering sense of entitlement and boorish frat-boy behavior that

included public intoxication and public urination.

The case has led to the resignation of the coach and the cancellation of the rest of the season.

The university would not comment specifically on any disciplinary action taken against the two men but said it is Duke practice to suspend students charged with a felony.

Both players are products of wealthy New York City suburbs and all-male Roman Catholic prep schools.

Neither Seligmann nor Finnerty was among the Duke team members arrested in recent years for such offenses as underage drinking and public urination.

Finnerty, however, was charged in Washington with assault after a man told police in November that Finnerty and two friends punched him and called him "gay and other derogatory names." Finnerty agreed to community service.



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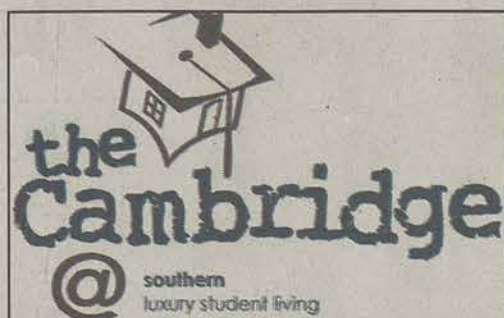
Xbox tour comes to GSU

GSU students Darrius Johnson, left and Phillip Cole, right, play MLB 2K6 for the Xbox console in the union Tuesday.

The event was one stop on a nationwide tour where the game is being showcased. The tour started in Scottsdale, Arizona during the World Baseball Classic.

"We had a pretty steady turnout throughout the event," said Cameron Williams of Eagle Entertainment.

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Danielson, others hope to emerge in post-Armstrong era



Cyclists start the Tour de Georgia in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday, April 18. The Tour de Georgia will feature 600-plus miles of racing leading up to its grand finale in Alpharetta, Ga., Sunday, April 23.

AP Photo/Brant Sanderlin

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

AUGUSTA — Lance Armstrong has retired, but "the Lance factor" was still felt in the Tour de Georgia discussions Monday.

Armstrong, the 2004 winner of the six-day race that is the top-ranked stage race in North America, used last year's preview news conference to announce his retirement. With his every move closely watched last year, Armstrong was the obvious main attraction even though his Discovery Channel teammate, Tom Danielson, won the race.

Danielson is back to defend his title when the race begins here Tuesday. Other top contenders include Floyd Landis, Nathan O'Neill, David Zabriskie and Fred Rodriguez.

This week's race is an opportunity for someone to emerge as a potential successor to Armstrong as the sport's next big name in America.

"That's exactly what we need, whether it's me or Floyd or Dave," Danielson said.

Landis and Zabriskie were the top finishers in the Tour of California in February.

Discovery remains the top-ranked team, but Danielson and other team members are still adjusting to the post-Armstrong era.

Danielson will wear the No. 1 as the defending champion, and he said

Monday he already can tell a difference as a favorite.

Team director Johan Bruyneel, who was with Armstrong for his seven Tour de France championships, said Armstrong, a co-owner of the Discovery team, plans to ride in the support van later in the week but won't attend Tuesday's first stage.

Though some contenders seemed to grow tired of questions about Armstrong Monday, Bruyneel said Armstrong's presence later in the week would not be a distraction.

"It's good for the motivation of the team," Bruyneel said. "It was good to have him around."

Last year's Tour de Georgia drew more than 800,000 fans, according to race officials. Landis said a strong turnout by fans in California in February was a sign that Armstrong's retirement won't hurt the sport.

"Lance is gone, but we still have guys who can do well in every kind of race," Landis said.

"By the looks of the crowds in California, it couldn't be better. Hopefully we'll get the same thing here."

There was an obvious decrease in the turnout by reporters for the event's first post-Armstrong news conference Monday.

"I've done the race in 2003 and 2005 and there was a big difference," Danielson said. Armstrong did not participate in the 2003 race.

"We owe a lot of that to Lance," he said. "Last year was incredible because when he announced his retirement this room was filled with reporters and such and this year it's a bit less. You can see the Lance factor is there."

"OK, Lance has done a lot for our sport. He's done a lot for me and he's done a lot for everyone in this room. It's up to us to carry on and keep producing racers and results."

This year's race covers 600 miles through 25 Georgia counties. For the first time, the race leaves Georgia, as stage 3 ends in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The race is sponsored by Ford. Proceeds benefit the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

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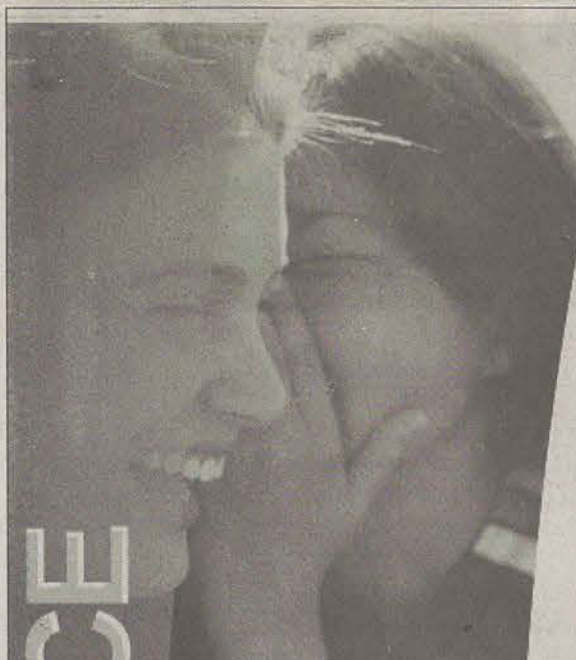
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