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Fall into fashion

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Tanner Ellis (left) helps Obong Nsentip sign up for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Many clubs and organizations came out to help welcome all the freshmen.

Rush into Greek life

Fraternities begin pledge process Sunday at Union

By Adam Crisp
Staff writer

Sunday starts your chance to rush for one of Georgia Southern's fraternities. Sororities held rush Aug. 8-13.

Interested students can start the application process by visiting Greek Life's Web page. There, interested parties will be prompted to fill out a registration form.

"Any full-time Georgia Southern male with a 2.3 GPA can participate in rush," said Miriam Willow, Interim Coordinator of Greek Life. "After we certify that everything

about their application is as it should be, we'll certify them as a potential new member and they can go through recruitment."

That weeklong recruitment process is what fraternity presidents have been preparing for all summer.

"Our chapter does a lot of extra work before the official rush week starts," said Peter Lane, president of Delta Chi fraternity. "We've been planning for the events Sunday-Thursday all summer long."

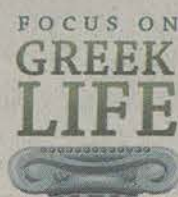
Lane said his fraternity has made contact with freshmen students by mail over the summer. Since school has started back, his

group has held a barbecue, spaghetti supper and a poker night.

Lane said about 25 men showed up for a barbecue earlier this week. He estimates his chapter will initiate about that same number later this semester.

Willow said the rush week activities serve as a good chance for potential members to find out what the 13 participating fraternities are all about.

Potential members can visit any fraternity on Sunday and Monday to get information. Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday see **RUSH**, page 2



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Recruitment Orientation is Sunday at 12 noon in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Third man arrested in shooting at Legends

Compiled by staff

The fourth suspect in a shooting that happened last fall, injuring two Georgia Southern basketball players, was arrested Friday, in Claxton.

Antonio Tramaine Gibson, 25, was taken into custody in Evans County after the Tri-circuit Drug Task Force — the Claxton Police Department, the Evans County Sheriffs Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations — executed a non-related search warrant, according to Statesboro Police reports.

The shooting happened on October 2 outside Legends on Old Register Road.

Two GSU basketball players, Robert Louis Robinson, Jr., 19, and Dwayne Nathaniel Foreman II, 22, were injured in the incident.

Robinson received a laceration to his head, a gun shot wound to his left shoulder and a gun shot wound to his right side and arm.

Foreman received a gunshot wound to the scalp and bullet fragments struck him in his left shoulder, left arm, left thigh and right groin.

Both were taken to the hospital and later released after treatment, according to reports.

Three of four suspects were arrested the night of the incident. They were Rafael Sanchez Howard, 19, Eric Latwain Crump, 18, and Brandon Derrel Mobley, 22, all of Glennville.

Gibson could not be located on that night, but was entered in the Georgia Crime Information System as a wanted person, according to police reports.

Gibson has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

He was taken to the Bulloch County Jail, where he remains without bond, according to police reports.



Illustration by Nicole DuBose

OPERATION MOVE IN

By Mike Bevill
Staff writer

"The smoothest it's been in years," said one representative from the Parent's Association, concerning Operation Move-in.

As Georgia Southern prepares to accept approximately 3,300 new students into the dorms, housing, parents, administrators, and even other students can feel the excitement. According to Vicky Hawkins, Housing

Director, new students have a lot to look forward to, including housing's remodeling.

Everything from new accent walls in Eagle Village, to a complete make-over of some of the old dorms, the Housing Department has gone out of its way to bring a warm and comforting welcome to new students. It's not only housing that gives such a warm reception.

Georgia Southern first extended its arms to students during Operation

Move-in with a reception at the RAC. Students were greeted and given housing assignments, and then sent on their way with information on everything the school has to offer. This environment gave students the first impression that they were in the right place, even if sometimes, they weren't.

One member of Housing said, "We're always here to help the students. [Operation Move-in] is going very well, in fact, I would even say, see **MOVE**, page 2



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

The former game room is transformed into Starbucks in the Student Union. While there's still more work to be done, they're still planning to open next Monday, August 21.

Starbucks to open Monday

Statesboro's first Starbucks is scheduled to open in the Union

By Jenny Miller
Assistant news editor

After almost a year of speculation, delays and discussions Starbucks will finally be opening at Georgia Southern on August 21. Last fall, GSU students were eagerly awaiting the opening of a Starbucks in spring 2006, but holdups caused the operation to be pushed back and left some wondering if the coffee shop would even open at all.

Tom Palfy, the director of food services, said that there had to be two training sessions for employees of the coffee shop before it opens Monday.

"The full time staff received training last week, and the part-time and student staff are being trained this week from Tuesday thru Saturday," said Palfy.

The site of the Starbucks is the old game room in the Russell Union. Palfy has already hired local businessman Jeff Yawn as the manager for the location. Yawn began work on July 3rd and hired employees for the site. Construction on the new Starbucks has gone on since early July.

"Starbucks is always looking for the perfect place to serve our customers, and we're thrilled to be

coming to the Georgia Southern campus," said Alan Richardson, southeast regional marketing manager for Starbucks Coffee Company. "We look forward to opening our doors in late August."

The Starbucks will be accepting contract meal plans as well as Eaglexpress cards. They will not be able to accept Starbucks gift cards yet.

"There are still a lot of loose ends to pull together before Monday, but I am confident they will get it done," said Palfy.

The initial idea of Starbucks coming to campus started in October 2005, when students voted on WINGS to have Starbucks be the coffee shop to come to campus.

Fall 2005: Student Union game room closed.
Spring 2006: Starbucks scheduled to open, but is delayed.
Summer 2006: Construction begins.
Fall 2006: Starbucks scheduled to open Monday.



TODAY
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Scattered t-storms

FRIDAY
High: 90 | Low: 72
Possible showers

SATURDAY
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Mixed skies

SUNDAY
High: 93 | Low: 73
Mixed skies

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WELCOME WEEK WELCOMES YOU
The Hiatus covers Welcome Week festivities, from cookouts to hypnotists to tournaments. There's something for everyone! Find an event on page 10.

Move

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smooth."

Help was available everywhere in the RAC, and is still available to the new student on campus as we go through our first days on campus. Clearly, one of the main concerns of Georgia Southern is to show how much they care for their students.

This southern hospitality continued through the day as students moved in. Water was handed out to the students, parents, faculty, frat members and even neighbors as they helped move each other into the dorms.

"Sure we help, of course we do, we're always handing out what we can, and even help move in," said

Vicky Hawkins, as she thinks back to the years before. Apparently, Georgia Southern has always been this hospitable.

Students then had the campus cookout later in the evening to look forward to, in celebration of both their hard work, and to the new class of freshman. Cajun flavors filled the air as music and laughter slowly started to replace the sweat and toil of our hard working friends and family.

"I think as far as campus life goes, this is probably one of the best I've seen. Everyone is so friendly, and really helpful, and there's still Welcome Week to look forward to," said Spencer White, freshman.

For more information check www.gsuhousing.edu.



Jared Siri/STAFF

Delta Chi hosts a pre-rush poker night to get to know prospective pledges.

Rush

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potential members are encouraged to visit the fraternities they are most interested in.

On Thursday, participants will be invited back by fraternities interested in accepting them. The potential members should have narrowed their selections to three by Thursday. By Friday, the fraternity will offer membership and that begins a roughly eight-week pledge process.

The process is selective, said Willow. "There are no guarantees that you will get into any fraternity," said Willow. "Small percentages are not picked up."

Willow estimates about 9-10 percent of the entire student body participates in Greek Life. There are about 25 fraternities and sororities on campus.

Willow said most students who take part do so to make friends and network for life after college. That's the reason Rod McLeod, who's the president of the Kappa Alpha Order, said he first got involved.

"Fraternities give you a great chance to network. It may not ensure that you will get the job, but it helps," said McLeod. "When I first got here I didn't know many people, and now some of my best friends are in the fraternity with me."

"Pledging is a chance to change your college experience."

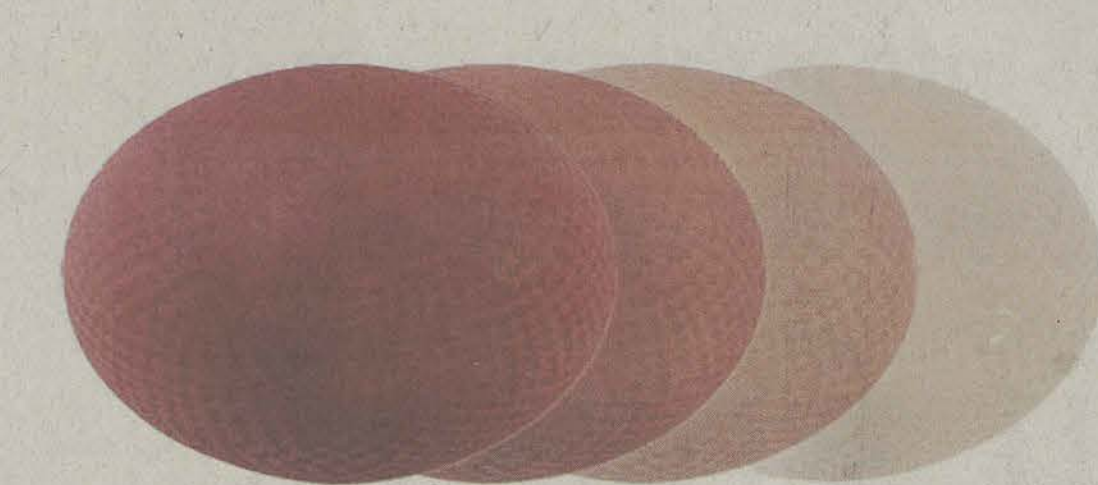


Photo Illustration/Grayson Hoffman

Dodgeball hits GSU in the face

By Christina Hess
Staff writer

For students trying to keep off that dreaded "Freshmen 15," there are many programs that are available for students to participate in.

"We're really pumped about starting a dodgeball league this year. Get 10 friends together and sign up at the CRI main office by Thursday," said Jim Baker, an intramural graduate assistant.

Students can sign up for other intramural sports including flag football and volleyball.

Campus Recreation and Intramurals is located in the Recreation Activity Center.

"It's just like, 'wow,' when you drive through campus and see the building," said first year grad student Amy Marquez.

The RAC is currently expanding from 80,000 sq. feet to over 200,000 to better accommodate students, according to Associate Director of Fitness and Facilities Angie Frederick.

"We're excited to offer more wellness programs like massage therapy and Tai Chi as well as introducing our new Aquatic Center to the GSU community," she said.

According to Matt Horst, associate director of programs, CRI offers a diverse range of programs, including aquatics, club sports, fitness & wellness, intramural sports, and Southern Adventures.

"Social opportunities and life experiences are the main benefits of participating in CRI programs. Each program is uniquely designed to maximize a memorable experience," Horst said.

Students can join one of 25 organized competitive Club Sports, ranging from soccer to extreme martial arts.

The Fitness & Wellness Center offers personal training sessions to help people interested in weight training or cardio workouts. After one has pumped iron and sprinted on the treadmill, they can relax with a Swedish massage.

Any CRI experience wouldn't be complete without challenging yourself on the climbing wall, renting your own camping gear or taking a sea kayaking trip with Southern Adventures.

No matter what your experience level is, CRI provides opportunities for you to stay active and healthy. Visit the RAC or www.georgiasouthern.edu/services/cri for more information.

Payment options limited this Fall

By Jenny Miller
Assistant News Editor

On August 1, Georgia Southern discontinued direct acceptance of credit card payments for tuition, fees, meals and housing.

Because of the growing expenses of accepting credit cards, students and

parents can no longer pay by credit card in person. However, university expenses can be paid with the new online payment options that are now available on the Web.

There are two new ways to make payments to the university. A third party vendor, TouchNet, is offering their PayPath Tuition Service for payments made by American Express, MasterCard and Discover.

An interest fee of 2.75% will be assessed to the payment and added to the amount charged on the card. MasterCard and Discover have never before been accepted on campus.

Some students are unhappy with the change and additional fee the university is now charging students who want to pay over the Internet.

"It was really frustrating because my parents usually pay my fees online, but because they now charge a fee, I had to get up early and go pay in person with a check," said Courtney Akins, a senior creative writing major.

GSU is also offering WebCheck as a payment method. This is a free payment process that will use an electronic check from a checking or savings account.

This change will not apply to any other payments made to campus such as the University Bookstore, EagleXpress, Parking and Transportation and on-campus dining halls.

The alteration will affect charges that are currently appearing on the WINGS student account.

Payments by cash in Deal Hall and payments by check in person or the mail will also still be accepted.

"It is getting so expensive to accept credit cards, and we really want to put the money from those transactions back into academic programs and student services that will benefit everyone on campus," said Deborah Powell, director of revenue accounting.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A student employee swipes a credit card at the bookstore on campus.

Other universities, such as Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia and Georgia State have also already discontinued using certain credit cards and are opting for programs similar to the ones that GSU is using.

Carol Payne, bursar for Georgia Tech said that the transition has gone smoothly for them.

"The integrity of our programs is very important to our students, payment trends shifted and the student simply wanted a convenient fee payment method...it was relatively a non-event for our campus," said Payne.

Online fee payments have become more popular, and because the web payment options are through a third party, it will make the transactions more secure.

The Bursar's Office recently distributed flyers at locations throughout campus that let students and parents know more about the services offered and how to use the new system.

For more information about this new policy, contact the Office of Student Revenue Collection at (912) 871-1265.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, August 17

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Nessmith-Lane Concourse

9 p.m.
Movie: The Break Up
Russell Union Rotunda

6 p.m. - Close
"Cajun Crazy in the Boro"
All students, faculty and staff will receive 50 percent off any food items from 6 p.m. to close with the Georgia Southern ID. Live entertainment will be provided.
The French Quarter Café

Friday, August 18

Last day to register for white water rafting trip on August 25-27
Student Activities 486-7270

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Create your own Mardi Gras mask
Russell Union Rotunda

5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Xbox Tournament
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Swing, Waltz, and Latin Dances
College Plaza Building

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Intrigue Masquerade Ball
Williams Center

Monday, August 21

9 p.m.
Hypnotist Dale K
Russell Union Ballroom

POLICE BEAT

08-10-2006

• Jeffrey Blaine Kelly, 28, of Limbrick Road, Midway, Ga., was charged with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

• Patrick John Obrien, 23, of Chandler Road, Statesboro, was charged with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

08-12-2006

• Christopher M. Cash, 39, of Hillwood Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• A bicycle was taken from Southern Drive.

• A case of simple assault was reported at Building 807.
• A light pole was damaged on Southern Drive.

08-13-2006

• Agnes Arrey-Mbi, 29, of Forest Park, Ga., was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Thomas P. Baltazar, 19, of Herndon, Va., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Kevin C. Hill, 19, of Johnson Street, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass.
• Antorreo J. Rich, 19, of Jones Avenue, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass.

08-14-2006

• Keydrick Jamael Barlow, 19, of Cambridge Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with theft by shoplifting.

• A cell phone was taken from the Russell Union.

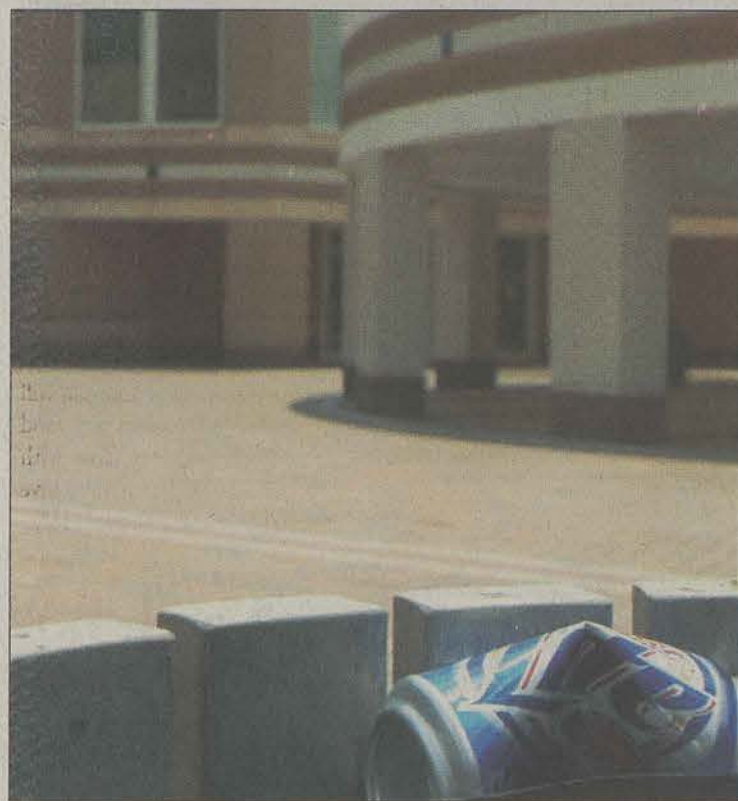
08-15-2006

• Matthew Troy Bohannon, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• A juvenile was charged with unruly juvenile and obstruction of an officer.

• A juvenile was charged with unruly juvenile, obstruction of an officer and giving false information to an officer.

Tightened alcohol policy provides stiffer penalties



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

School officials said alcohol abuse on campus is so bad that they are responding with increased penalties to help curb students' desire to drink.

By Casey Altman
News editor

This fall, Georgia Southern is making a few changes to the university's alcohol policy.

Director of Judicial Affairs Edward Bayens said, "The policy is changing in response to an increase in alcohol violations in the past two years."

He said that nearly 85 percent of the violations were from underage possession and use. He said judicial affairs wants students to be aware of new higher fees.

Starting this fall, any student that is caught violating the schools alcohol code will suffer harsher consequences.

For example, in the old policy on the first violation, a student would have to write a two-page reflective paper on how to make better decisions regarding consumption of alcohol and complete a video and answer a series of questions.

Now the first violation will land a student on Disciplinary Probation.

The student will also be required to enroll in a Web-based alcohol education course and pay a \$100 fine.

Bayens said there is also a parental notification policy. If caught violating the policy, parents will be notified on the first violation.

Bayens said students should be aware of these changes because they could affect the students' pocket-books.

According to Bayens, the policy applies to all students on and off campus.

"We want students to be safe on campus; alcohol may interfere with that safety. Drinking and driving puts faculty, staff and students at risk," said Bayens.

Curtis Erwin, assistant director of housing, said that alcohol at the institution was a problem last year especially with underage drinkers. He said that the housing department is making special changes to search out students involved in this behavior, but it is looking out for behaviors that seem to accompany drinking such as

excessive noise.

"It is not our goal to get people in trouble; it is our goal to keep people safe," Erwin said.

Erwin said that he will be working with resident advisors to let residents know about the changes. He said that there will be floor meetings where the policy will be emphasized and a flier in each room so students will know the policy.

"We want to make sure we're helping students make good choices," he said.

Perdue's \$2 million land deal questioned

By Shannon McCaffrey
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue spent \$2 million to buy about 20 acres of Florida land just miles from Disney World, purchasing the property from a wealthy Republican donor.

Perdue bought the land from Stanley Thomas, a Georgia mega-developer with a fleet of planes that the governor used at least once to get to a West Coast fundraiser. The purchase came a little more than a year after Perdue appointed Thomas to the state Board of Economic Development and just weeks before one of Thomas'



Perdue

companies, Fourth Quarter Properties, donated a whopping \$250,000 to the state Republican Party.

Perdue said there was nothing improper about the deal. The Republican governor said that he bought the land in Florida because purchasing property in Georgia while he was governor would have created a conflict of interest.

"I determined to buy out of Georgia because I didn't want it to ever be said that I influenced anything," said Perdue while in Savannah. "If I bought land within 100 miles of a new road construction, I'd be accused by the other side of influencing that. So I chose to go out of state."

But Democrats questioned whether Perdue, who spent a quarter of his net worth on the land without ever seeing it, had violated federal anti-corruption laws. They called for an investigation.

"It appears as though Governor Perdue sold his office to make himself wealthy," Democratic Party Chairman Bobby Kahn said.

Perdue spokesman Derrick Dickey called Kahn's assertions "laughable."

Perdue bought the land, which borders the luxury Reunion Resort, for \$2.038 million in December 2004 from Fourth Quarter Properties, one of Thomas' many companies. But although Perdue ponied up that much money for the land, it is appraised at only \$185,700. The property was assessed at the lesser amount because the land is partly composed of wetlands and lacks an access road.



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Quick, what's new

Associated press

IN GEORGIA

Permit sought for new reactor at Georgia nuclear plant

SAVANNAH — The Southern Co.'s nuclear subsidiary applied Tuesday for a site permit that would allow the utility to add two reactors to the Alvin W. Vogtle nuclear plant in eastern Georgia. The proposed \$3 billion project, which would nearly double Plant Vogtle's output of 2,430 megawatts, requires approval by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cynthia McKinney says blacks must oppose electronic voting

AUGUSTA — U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, in her first public appearance since losing her re-election bid last week, said Tuesday that the black community needs to oppose electronic voting machines, which she said are designed to steal elections. During a meeting in Augusta, McKinney also said the state of Georgia should not allow crossover voting among political parties in primary elections.

Health care focus of Congressional immigration hearing

DALTON — Supporters of the U.S. House version of immigration reform on Tuesday blamed illegal immigrants for putting undue strain on the nation's health care system. At a Congressional sealed hearing organized by House Republicans, politicians and health care officials said more needs to be done to require people seeking government health benefits to prove they are in the country legally.

THE NATION

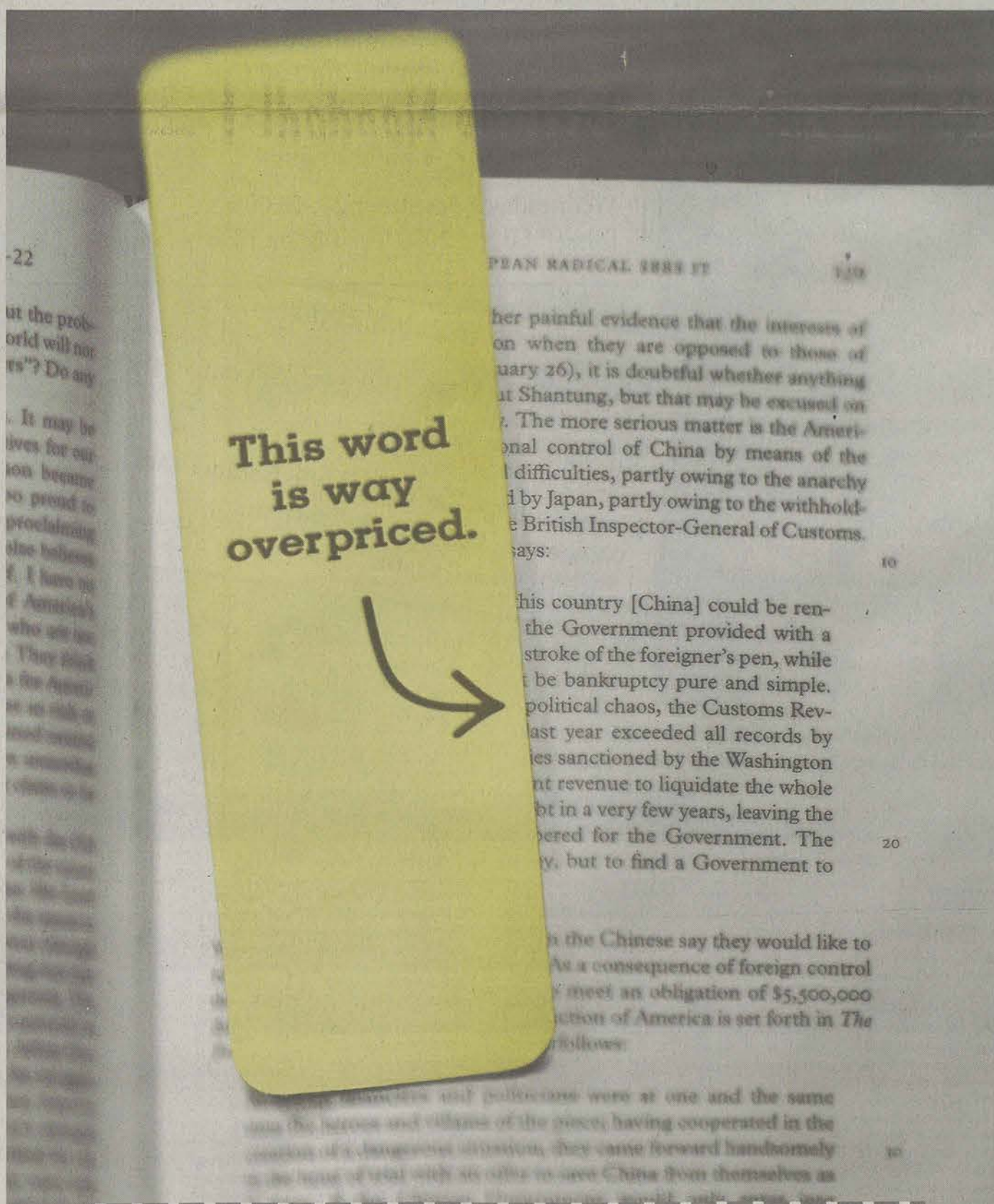
Carter's son wins Senatorial primary

RENO, Nev. — Jimmy Carter's son, Jack Carter, won the Democratic nomination to face Republican U.S. Sen. John Ensign in November in Nevada, where voters also picked candidates in a sometimes-zany pair of primaries to replace popular Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn.

THE WORLD

France and Turkey may help Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — France and Turkey sent their top diplomats to Beirut on Wednesday to discuss the deployment of a 15,000-strong international force to south Lebanon, amid doubt over whether Hezbollah would lay down its arms or even withdraw them from the border with Israel.



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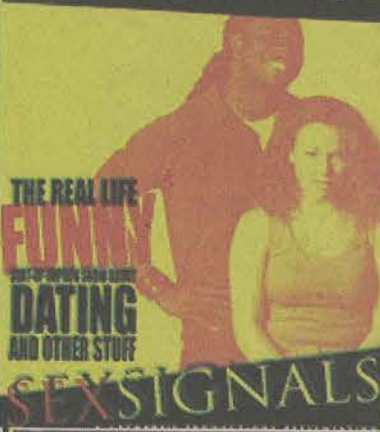
August 2006

Step Into Statesboro
Friday, August 18, 1:00-4:30 p.m.
Russell Union Rotunda

Sex Signals
Wednesday, August 23, 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 24, 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

Ruthie Alcaide on Alcohol
Tuesday, August 29, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

WHAT SIGNALS DO YOU SEND?



September 2006

One Race, One People, One Peace
Tuesday, September 5, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

Major in Success
Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 13, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

Jump Start Your Personal Finances

Peter Bielagus
Tuesday, September 19, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Hall (room 1915),
Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building
Wednesday, September 20, 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

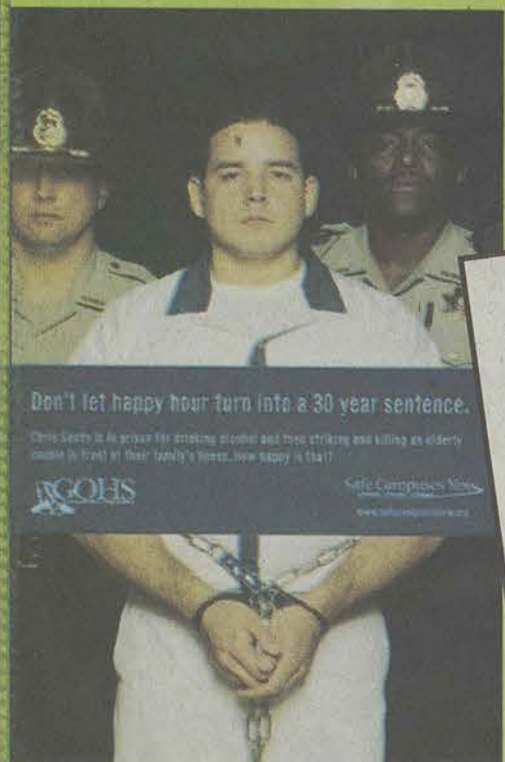
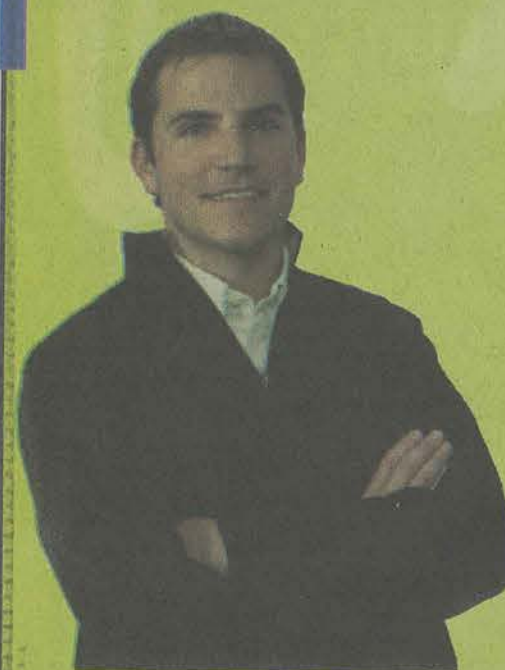
Dare to Declare

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Russell Union 2080/2084 & 1st Floor Computer Lab

October 2006

Save a Life Tour
Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Russell Union Ballroom

From College Bar Life to Life Behind Bars
Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.
Russell Union Theatre



The First Year Experience Program gratefully acknowledges the support of the Georgia Southern University Parents Association.



Ric Field/Associated Press

Flowers, pictures and stuffed animals adorn the gravesite of JonBenet Patricia Ramsey early Friday morning Dec. 26, 1997, at the St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery in Marietta, Ga. A man arrested in Thailand is being held in connection with the slaying of JonBenet Ramsey.

Man arrested in Thailand for JonBenet Ramsey death

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A man suspected in the slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was arrested Wednesday in Thailand in a surprise breakthrough in one of the nation's most lurid murder cases — a decade-old crime some feared would never be solved.

District Attorney Mary Lacy said the arrest followed several months of work. She would not disclose any details about the suspect, but the Ramsey family's attorney in Atlanta said the man was a schoolteacher who once lived in nearby Conyers, Ga.

Federal officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the suspect as John Mark Karr, a 42-year-old American, and said he was already being held in Bangkok on unrelated sex charges. CBS reported he will be brought back to the United States this weekend.

The Ramsey family attorney, Lin Wood, refused to say if the Ramseys knew the suspect and said he knew nothing else about the man. JonBenet was born in Atlanta in 1990, and the Ramseys lived in the Atlanta suburb of Dunwoody for several years before moving to Colorado in 1991. The couple moved back to Atlanta after their daughter's slaying.

Wood said the arrest was vindication for JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, who had come under suspicion in the slaying. The attorney said the Ramseys learned about the suspect at least a month before Patsy Ramsey's death on June 24 after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled in the basement of the family's home in Boulder on Dec. 26, 1996. Patsy Ramsey reported finding a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for her daughter.

Investigators said at one point

REMEMBERING JONBENET RAMSEY

Most Americans knew JonBenet Ramsey only in death — as the blonde-haired little girl in the ruffled pink cowgirl outfit, bouncing across the stage with a million-dollar smile.



JonBenet Ramsey

A beauty pageant performance captured on video was played around the world after the 6-year-old was found strangled and beaten on Dec. 26, 1996. The images persisted on TV talk shows for years afterward, helping feed theories about her killer.

Associated Press

that JonBenet's parents were under an "umbrella of suspicion" in the slaying. But the Ramseys insisted an intruder killed their daughter, and no one was ever charged.

In the months after the slaying, Patsy Ramsey went before the cameras, vigorously defending herself and her husband, chastising the media and blasting local law enforcement as incompetent.

Over the years, some experts suggested that investigators had botched the case so thoroughly that it might never be solved.

In a statement Wednesday, John Ramsey said: "Patsy was aware that authorities were close to making an arrest in the case and had she lived to see this day, would no doubt have been as pleased as I am with today's development almost 10 years after our daughter's murder."

ONLY IN AMERICA

Stories by The Associated Press

Chase nets man's 226th arrest

1 LINCOLN, Nebr. — Kevin Holder's rap sheet is 43 pages long, dating back to 1980, and he just got another entry — his 226th arrest. Police say they caught him Sunday morning after a brief chase and found burglar tools in his possession.

Holder's convictions include criminal mischief, marijuana possession, violation of protection order, assault, resisting arrest, assault on an officer, and possession of cocaine. Many were misdemeanors, but he also has been sentenced to at least three prison terms for felonies, including a four-year stretch starting in 1996.

Activists go back to given names

2 NORFOLK, Va. — The animal rights activist formerly known as Kentuckyfriedcruelty.com is now just plain, old Christopher Garnett. The staffer at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was



one of three workers who changed their names to support the organizations' goals. Two have now returned to their given names.

"I think maybe its time had come and gone," said Karin Robertson, who had been known as Goveg.com since March 2003.

The switch was intended to draw people to the organizations' Web site, Robertson said.

It worked: Web traffic to the site shot up, as did requests for vegetarian starter kits.

Following their college's lead, Garnett and Brandi Valladolid went to the courthouse and, with the stroke of a judge's pen, became Kentuckyfriedcruelty.com and Ringlingbeatsanimals.com.

"The name said it all," Valladolid said. "It gave all the information people needed to know."

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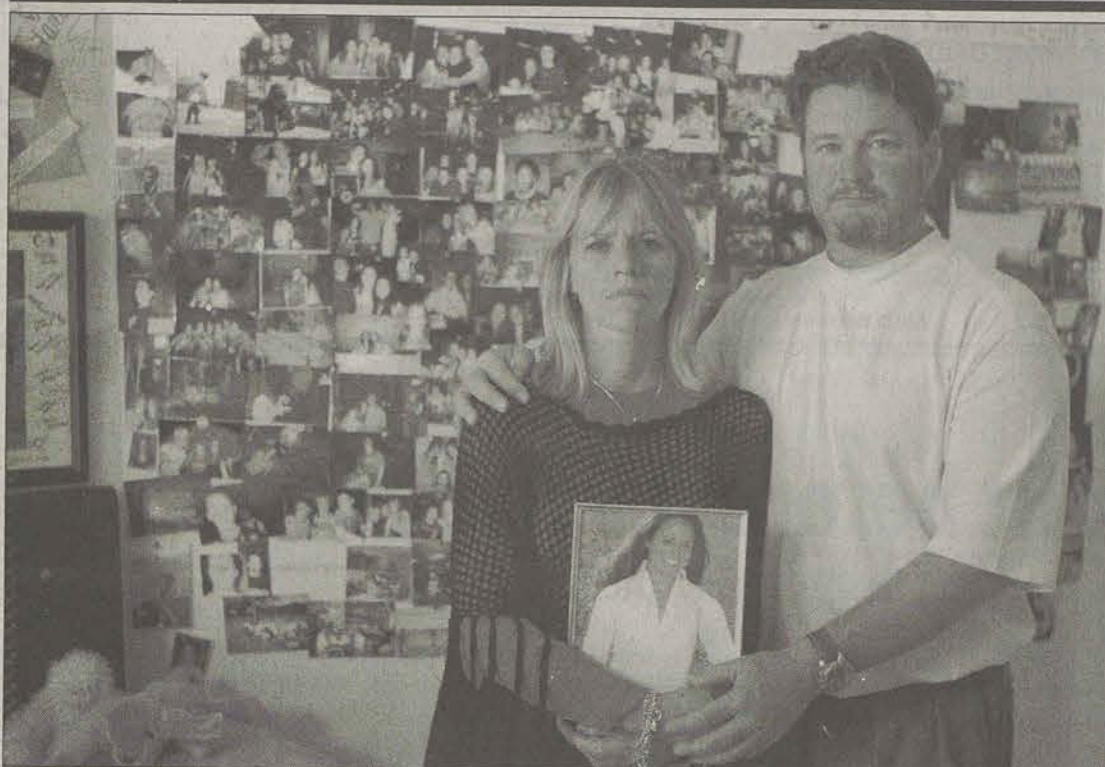
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Rick and Melanie Selah lost their daughter, Kebra Danielle Selah to alcohol and pills on July 29, 2004. The couple have become quite active in trying to prevent similar deaths.

Teens drink, use drugs even with parents around

By Bonnie Miller Rubin
MCT News Service

CHICAGO — At first glance, Samantha Tish, 15, who lives in a small town near the Wisconsin border, would seem insulated from drug and alcohol use.

She has good grades and a tight group of girlfriends, whose weekend activities run to shopping and watching movies, rather than partying. But that doesn't mean that temptation isn't lurking everywhere.

"Most parents are clueless," she said. "They have no idea what goes on at parties ... or how drugs and alcohol are everywhere. Their kids are going to do what they want to do."

Tish's observation is supported by a survey released Thursday by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. Among the findings: One-third of teens and nearly half of 17-year-olds attend house parties where alcohol, marijuana and illegal drugs

are plentiful — even when parents are actually in the home.

"Where are they?" asked Joseph A. Califano, CASA's chairman and president and former secretary of health, education and welfare during the Carter administration. "Why aren't they walking in and out of the party? Don't they smell the pot or the booze? There's just a tremendous disconnect."

The survey also found:

80 percent of parents believe that neither alcohol nor marijuana is usually available at teen gatherings — but 50 percent of their kids say both are available.

98 percent of parents say they are normally present during parties, while a third of teens report that parents are rarely around.

Only 12 percent of parents see illegal substances as their teen's greatest concern. But twice as many teens (27 percent) say drugs are a major worry.

38 percent of teens say they can buy marijuana within a day; 19 percent can complete the transaction in an hour or less.

"Parents are living in a fool's paradise," Califano said. "They've got to take the blinders off and pay attention. If asbestos were in the ceiling, they'd raise hell. But their schools are riddled with drugs. If they'd say, 'Get the drugs out' with the same energy, we'd get somewhere."

The annual teen survey, a CASA staple since 1995, interviewed 1,297 12-to-17-year-olds and 562 parents (84 percent of whom were parents of the youth surveyed).

The report also found that navigating the transition from age 13 to 14 is particularly perilous. The availability of illegal substances spikes at this time, with 14-year-olds four times likelier to have access to prescription drugs than their year-younger peers, and three times likelier to be offered Ecstasy and marijuana.

Weekly Eagle Buzz



Please view the entire Welcome Week 2006 schedule at www.eagleentertainmentonline.com

Thursday, August 17th

"Eagle Entertainment wants U" - on their team!! Join Eagle Entertainment and be a volunteer. Help plan all the activities on-campus. Stop by the Russell Union rotunda area and pick up an application between 11am-1pm. FREE LUNCH will be provided!

"So You Want To Be A Leader-Prove It" - stop by the Russell Union rotunda between 11am-1pm to learn how to develop your leadership skills at Georgia Southern! Come see how the Office of Student Leadership can make your Mission Possible!

"Cajun Crazy in the Boro" - all night long at The French Quarter Café. All students, faculty, and staff receive 50% off any food items from 6pm-close with their GSU ID. Enjoy live entertainment and the casual Mardi Gras atmosphere. For more information you can view their website at <http://www.frenchquarterstatesboro.com>.



Friday, August 18th

"Create Your Mystic Mardi Gras Mask" - at the Russell Union rotunda from 11am-1pm. Eagle Entertainment will provide all the free supplies! Make your stylish mask so you are ready for the Masquerade Ball.

"Step Into Statesboro" - is a chance for students to volunteer with agencies in the Statesboro community. Registration is from 1-1:30pm at the Russell Union rotunda, then volunteer from 1:45-3:45pm and end the day with a free dinner at 4:00pm.

"2nd Annual Halo 2 Tournament" - will take place in the Russell Union Ballroom from 5pm-11pm. Stop by the Office of Student Activities and pick up a registration form or download it online at www.eagleentertainmentonline.com. You could win \$500.00 or more in prize money. Several systems will also be set up so participants and guests can enjoy Nintendo, Sega, Gamecube, Playstation, and much more. * \$5.00 registration fee, per person. Registration will be \$10.00 per person day of event. Sign up online for the \$5.00 discounted rate.

"Intrigue Masquerade Ball" - will take place in the Williams Center from 8pm-11pm. Live music and a taste of some New Orleans Carnival. Pick up a free ticket in the Office of Student Activities by Thursday.

Sunday, August 20th

"Church Transportation" - meet at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries house at 10:30am to go to one of the local churches for worship and a FREE lunch!

Monday, August 21st

"Residence Hall Leadership Applications due" - for any residence hall leadership position by 10pm in their respective hall offices. For more information visit www.gsuhousing.com/rha

"Dale K" - will perform in the Russell Union Ballroom at 9pm. Enjoy one of the hottest Hypnotists on the college market. Dale K will not only hypnotize audience members he will keep you laughing during the whole show. Check out Dale K at www.dalek.com. This event is free, but seating is limited.

Tuesday, August 22nd

"House Calls" - from 6:30pm-8pm, university faculty and staff will come around and meet the first-year students living on-campus. Students who are in their room will be entered into a drawing for a free IPOD.

"Residence Hall Leadership Elections" - cast your vote for your favorite candidates at your respective residence hall office between 7pm-10pm.

Wednesday, August 23rd

"The Expo 2006" -- will take place outside the Russell Union rotunda area from 10am-1pm. Get free information about student organizations, local businesses, volunteer agencies, part-time jobs, and much more. Approximately 150 organizations/vendors will be on-site. Stop by for free food and giveaways.

"Residence Hall Leadership Elections" - cast your vote for your favorite candidates at your respective residence hall office between 7pm-10pm.

Friday, August 25th-Sunday, August 27th

"White Water Rafting" - Join Eagle Entertainment as we go White Water Rafting in Erwin, TN. The last day to sign up is August 18th. Call or stop by the Office of Student Activities 486-7270 or Russell Union 1056. Cost of trip is \$100 and it includes transportation, a full day of rafting, some meals, and lodging.

Important Dates and Deadlines

August 18	\$100 Late Registration Fee begins	November 8	Final date to hold terminal or comprehensive examination, theses and dissertation defenses
August 21	Attendance Verification deadline for classes starting August 14-18	November 15	Final deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission
August 28	Fee payment deadline for registration or changing registration during the Drop/Add period	November 15	Deadline to submit electronic theses and dissertations to College of Graduate Studies for final format review
September 4	Labor Day Holiday - Administrative offices closed - No classes	November 22-24	Thanksgiving holidays for students - Administrative offices closed November 23-24 - Residence halls open
September 18	Deadline for M.Ed. students to register to take the Comprehensive Exams during Fall Semester 2006	November 30	Last day of classes
September 29	Mid-term grades for Freshmen due	December 1	Deadline for Spring Semester 2007 Undergraduate Admission Application
October 1	Final deadline for international graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission	December 1	Reading Day
October 1	Priority deadline for domestic graduate students to apply for Spring 2007 admission	December 4-7	Final exams
October 9	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	December 7	Deadline to submit final verified (approved) electronic theses or dissertation to College of Graduate Studies
October 13-14	Family Weekend	December 7	Final date for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for Spring 2007 graduation
October 20-21	Homecoming - Classes canceled beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20	December 8	Residence halls close at 12:00 noon
October 23	Registration for Spring 2007 begins (Students should view WINGS for individual date and time)	December 8	Commencement
October 26	Academic Standards Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.	December 9	Residence halls close at 12:00 noon for students participating in commencement activities (permission)

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OUR VIEW

Get school habits straight before it's too late

AT ISSUE: Using classroom policies is an important lesson for life after graduation

It may be hard to keep from slamming the alarm clock against the wall some mornings, but ignoring that morning warning is one habit that's important to suppress. After all, now that we are in college, mom can't come wake us up when old 'yeller' is just around the corner.

Most professors have strict attendance policies that can result in lower grades if students are not careful. Most departments require that students miss no more than 25 percent of classes, which is usually around eight days of class.

Other things may tempt you to miss class, but it's smart to make it there every day for at least the first few weeks. That time is mostly a chance to get to know each other and take care of issues like attendance verification,

future projects and required texts.

It's important to remember that during this time of year, whether you are a freshman or a seasoned six-year senior, breaking the habits that keep you down is important. Not only will ditching your evil ways help you while you're in college, but forming good habits now will help you when you finally get out of here.

Those good habits aren't confined to just waking up on time. College can be a good opportunity to perfect your interpersonal, financial and emotional well-being.

These four (and sometimes longer) years is plenty of time to take advantage of the many resources college has to offer. Finding time to interact and form relationship can pay dividends well into the future.

Take this coming week's fraternity rush activities. Members swear that being a part of those social organizations have prepared them for life outside college. They say relationships with alumni and fellow students help them network and find jobs. You don't have to live on Olympic Blvd. to experience that sort of training and networking. There are countless professional groups that provide a similar experience.

Georgia Southern can also be a great opportunity to perfect your financial habits. Career Services offers chances to get credit counseling throughout the year. Aside from that training, students can benefit from practicing financial prudence while in college. In a few weeks, students may be handed several thousand dollars in the form of financial aid refund checks. Those aren't

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." ... You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

William Whitaker
NEW COLUMNIST

Travel restrictions not that important

Lately the news people have been trying to keep us reminded that at any time we may be shot, stabbed, hung, burned, blown up or beheaded. With the latest attempted terror attack there is now a ban on bringing toothpaste, shaving cream, lotion, or bottled drinks onto airplanes. The people at the National Transportation Safety Board are continually banning different harmless material and "randomly" screening people in order to try and give us Americans a nice comfy blanket of false sense of security.



William Whitaker is a senior English major from Metter, Ga. He is a new columnist for The George-Anne.

I remember when I was in about fifth grade, our teacher took us on a field trip to Savannah International Airport. In spite of all the excitement I vividly remember a glass display that hung on the wall of the corridor that led you to the gates. It was filled with weapons that had been confiscated and that are prohibited from being taken on flights. I remember grenades, pistols, hunting knives, a bazooka, ninja stars, a katana sword and a spiked baseball bat. It seemed absurd that anyone could be able to

conceal many of those weapons and it seemed almost impossible to fool the metal detectors and x-ray scanners.

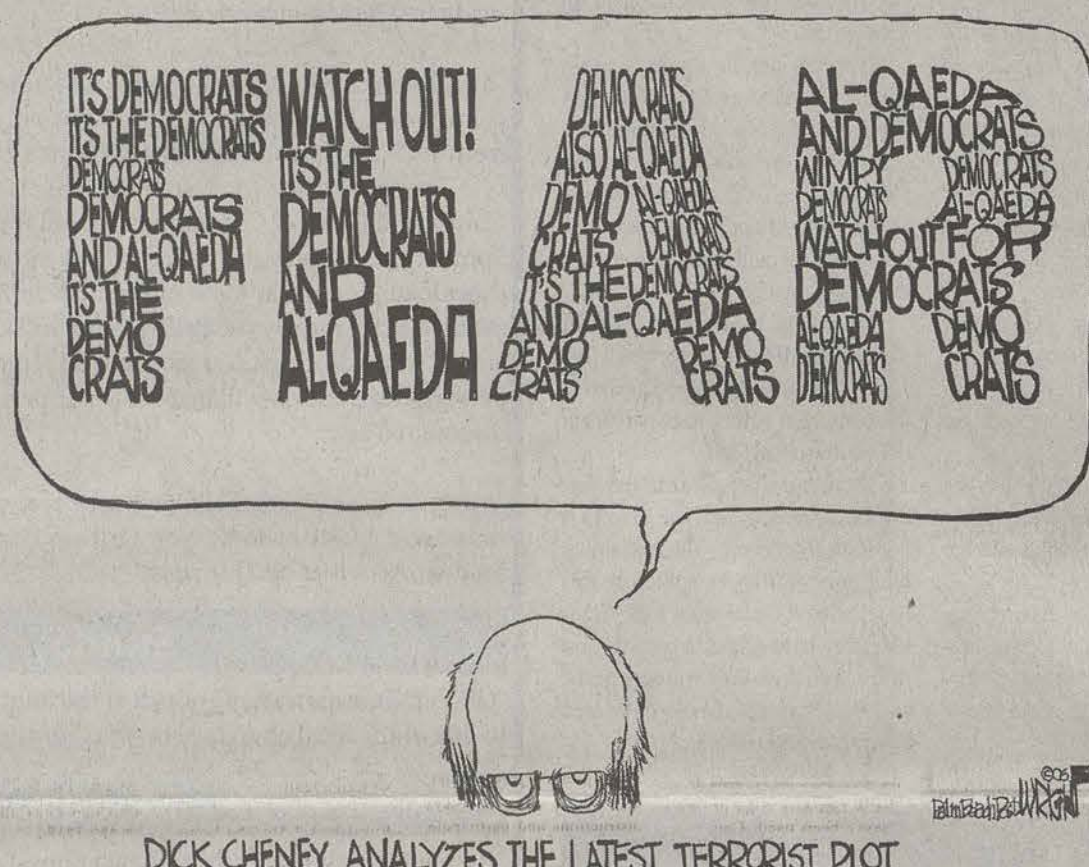
But, now it seems that people have gotten progressively more evil throughout the years and have found new and inventive ways of concealing weaponry. Is that the case or is it just business as usual? I understand that the events of 9/11 shed some light on the lackadaisical attitude of the security on flights in America, but the threat of such attacks has always been around. It takes a tragedy like 9/11 to make us jump up out of our Hummers and start doing something about it or at least pretending to do something about it. Security in airports is now so overwhelming that people are checked almost five times before they even enter the terminal. Freedom of expression is out of the window once you step foot inside the terminal.

If you happen to have a sense of humor, like most Americans do, you are eligible for a nice little stroll out of the terminal and in some cases you are eligible to visit the inside of jail cell for a couple months while you think about what you've done. What has happened to Americans lately? It was only yesterday that people were getting on trans-American and International flights without a care in the world, except for the occasional water landing and rapid cabin decompression. Now we've got semtex in shoes and nitroglycerine in Gatorade bottles.

I was watching a documentary on the greatest football players of all time, including O.J. Simpson. Many people only connect his name with the murder of his wife, but there was a time when "Juice" was an American icon. He even had a famous commercial for Hertz with him running thru the airport terminal ducking and dodging obstacles like luggage and various pedestrians. I wonder if any of the current rental car companies could get that kind clearance to shoot with T.O. in this day and time.

Americans are not that preoccupied with how well the NTSB or George W. is doing his job either. According to the last polls I read about his approval rating it has risen since Hezbollah began to dominate the headlines. But, people will always bring about new things to be afraid of and start a war on. The safety of our flights should be a very serious issue that is scrutinized and remedied very soon. But, with all the things that we have to worry about these days, it's just not fair to give this particular problem so much air time.

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DICK CHENEY ANALYZES THE LATEST TERRORIST PLOT

Mitch Jones: YOUR TURN

Core curriculum needs re-evaluation

As many freshman begin taking their core classes this semester I begin what will hopefully be my last semester in college. Lately I find myself reminiscing over my time spent at GSU and the more time I spend looking back the more I find myself asking the question "why did I have to take some of those classes?" We have all asked "when am I ever going to use this stuff?"

It is easy for students to make such comments because many of us just do not want to put forth the effort to learn something we are not interested in, but after completing my undergraduate degree and entering into my last semester of graduate school I still wonder why I was forced to take some of those undergraduate classes.

I am by no means understating the importance of a good education, and certain core classes are necessary in order for students to have a well

rounded education. However, I believe the college curriculum has gotten a little on the irrelevant side with some of the requirements.

I am less than two years removed from undergraduate classes and I am unable to remember many of the classes I took, much less what I learned in those classes, even though I attended class regularly and worked hard to make good grades. What I do remember though is the hours I spent attending and studying for those classes, the countless dollars spent on tuition, books and other expenses required each semester.

Somewhere between the necessary English, math, and history and business courses, I forgot every class I took. I would much rather have saved several thousand dollars and countless hours and graduated a whole lot sooner with the information that was actually relevant to my future instead of spending so much time in unnecessary courses. I could really

use the money I spent several years ago on those jogging, badminton, and cinema books that were required for some of my classes.

I am not slamming any particular subject or department. I understand the need for everyone to increase their knowledge and get a good education.

However, I feel that can be done with about two-thirds of the current college curriculum. I am not trying to portray that I have all this figured out or have the correct solution, but I feel college degree requirements should be re-evaluated. Universities need to stop wasting student's time and money and allow the entire curriculum to be relevant to our future. Whether I ever do or do not use particular things I learned in college I know my college degrees will prove to be invaluable if I can ever pay off the student loans that were needed to get me through many of those irrelevant classes.

U.S. should focus on saving civilian lives

Although the political landscape here in the states is increasingly polarized, there are some things going on in the world that everyone, right

wing or left, conservative or liberal, can agree on. What is most troubling personally is loss of civilian lives, especially when our hard-earned tax dollars are subsidizing these innocent deaths.

Take the current conflict in Lebanon, for example. Word around the campfire is that a call from Bush to

Israeli Prime Minister Olmert simply saying, "that's enough" during the conflict could have saved countless innocent civilian lives.

Israel relies heavily on American support militarily and financially (not to mention in the UN Security Council), and has a history of working productively with our political and foreign policy leaders. For these reasons, it is reasonable to think that we could have prevented civilian death.

Iraq is another arena where common sense and Christian values tell

us that we must do everything in our power to halt civilian bloodshed. Although Donald Rumsfeld and Tony Snow refuse to acknowledge it, generals on the field in Iraq know and have spoken out about the fact that the country is spiraling into civil war.

Armed gangs are regularly gunning down groups of civilians (to the tune of 100 deaths daily). Like Colin Powell so succinctly put it before the war began, "you break it, you own it." Like it or not, we own Iraq, and are therefore responsible for the atrocities taking place within the borders.

Dr. George Shriver
GUEST COLUMNIST

University needs faculty/staff club

Most universities in the U.S. have a university club which is open to faculty and professional staff. There are numerous benefits for the university community which accrue from such a club, not the least of which is the creative contribution of interdisciplinary exchanges as well as faculty/staff mutual appreciation, understanding and true collegiality.

The university once had such a club, but presently there is no such organization, though it does have a "bank account" in the University Foundation. This account (given largely by retired faculty and staff) was initially created with hopes for its assets only to be used for such a club.

In 1969 there was a Singles Club of single faculty and town persons organized for social purposes. Evolving from this Club, The Academic Club, Inc. (street parlance for it was "the Faculty Club") was founded in 1971 with circa 100 faculty and staff members. GSC, not GSU, was a school of only 5,000 or so students then. The Club met at the rear of the House of Sir Loin in a rented room. Interestingly, the restaurant in this building was originally named "the Varsity." By 1978 the Club had grown to over 150 members and purchased a large building across an alley street from the rear of the House of Sir Loin, presently this space contains Eagle Village residence halls and parking lots.

All sorts of activities took place in the new building, from pool and ping-pong to dances and weekly dinners. Some presidents of GSC even became cooks for New Year's Eve breakfasts. And at every function there was creative and interdisciplinary dialogue between deans, chairs and faculty of every rank and staff. Even Sarah Savage of GSC's Sarah's Place waxed eloquent. Sarah's place was a neat café on the first floor of the Williams Center where faculty and staff met daily for interdisciplinary coffee dialogue. Morale at GSC was never better than at such coffee times and Academic Club soirees.

By early 1992 membership had declined somewhat and the club was informed that GSC could no longer collect dues because of the change from GSC to GSU, and a building fund drive was started. Soon this fund grew to over \$10,000. In May 2003, the GSU Foundation requested that these bank funds be transferred to the Foundation in the Faculty Fund. By 2006, that total account had grown to circa \$140,000. Technically, that account would belong to a reorganized University Club with the hope of finding a "place" on or off campus, and interestingly, virtually the total amount is due to contributions of retired faculty and staff who still have hopes for such a place. Surely the current active faculty hope for the same.

The first five presidents as well as the last president of this Club, in 1992, vividly illustrate its interdisciplinary makeup. The disciplines of these persons were Business Management, Developmental Studies, Modern Language, History and Industrial Technology. Deans of Business and Arts and Sciences were among the most active members along with several presidents.

The Club produced an attractive pamphlet during its 1990 campaign drive with the hopeful and future oriented words, "Now that Georgia Southern has become a university and grown both in size and complexity. The time has come for a new kind of organization, which will serve the university in a different way. Such an organization would greatly benefit the entire university community of faculty and staff." Let's hope those words come true.

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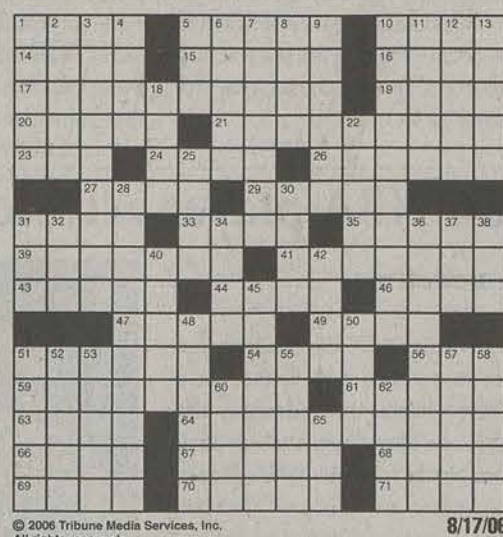
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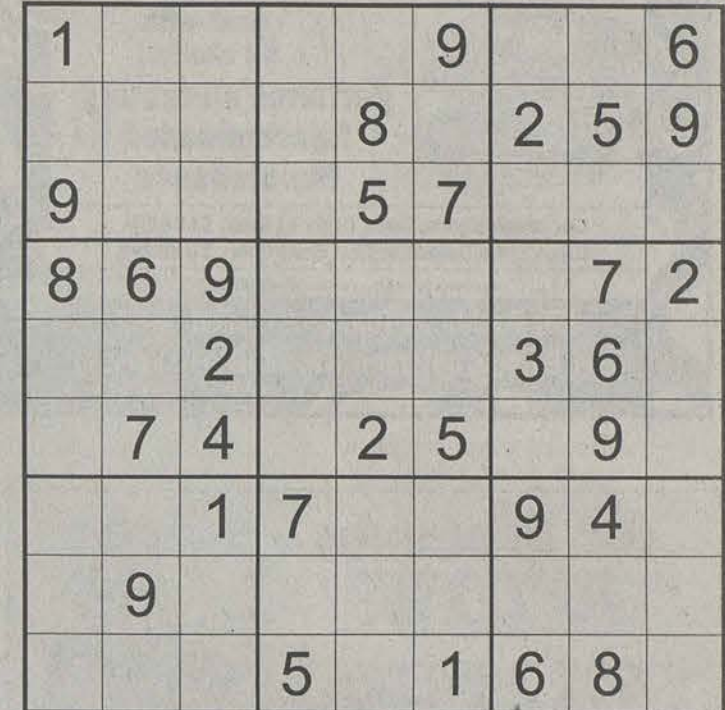
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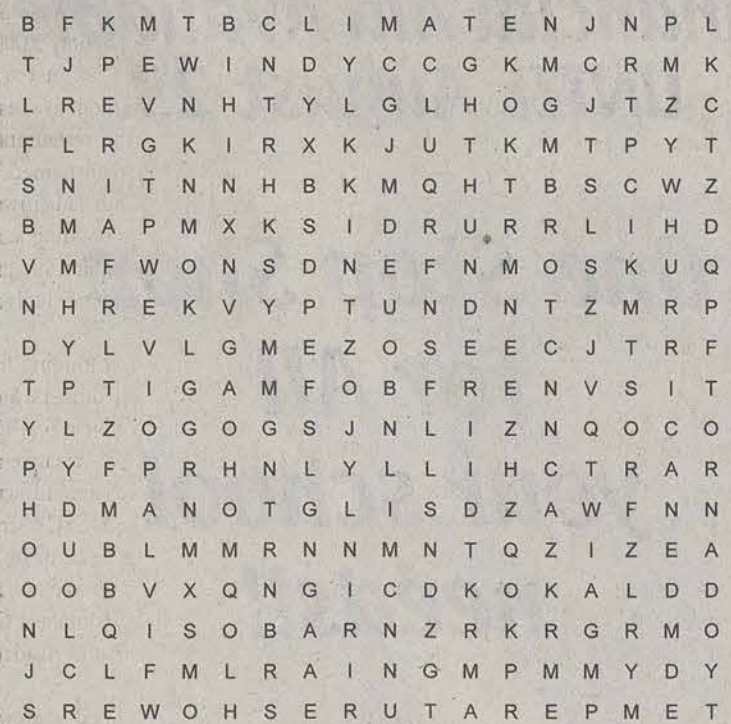
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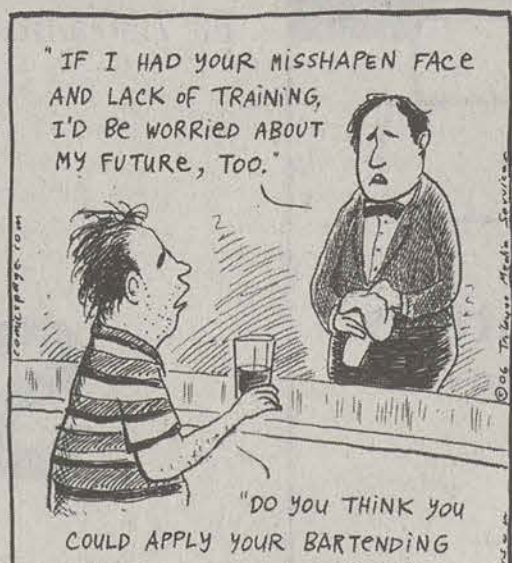


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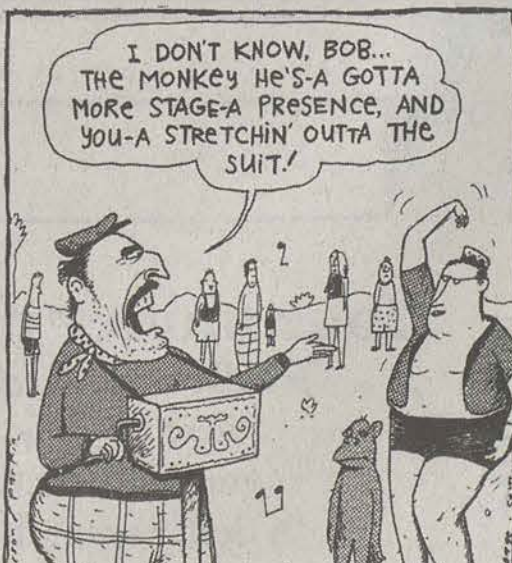
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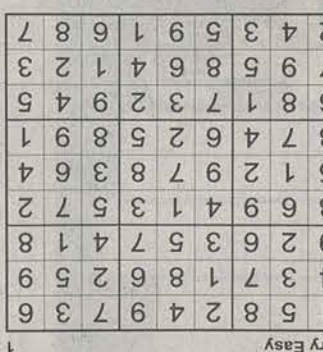
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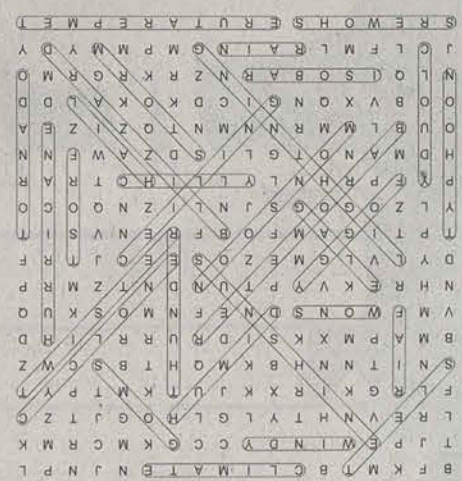
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Tempers flare at Falcons' training camp

Associated Press

The broiling tedium of training camp finally made Lawyer Milloy snap.

He wasn't the only Atlanta player to lose his temper in the oppressive August heat Monday morning. DeAngelo Hall, Matt Lehr, Adam Jennings and Alge Crumpler were seething, too.

"This is football, and as long as it don't translate into the things in the locker room, everything will be fine," Milloy said. "In my 11 years, this has been one of the toughest, if not the toughest, training camp in my career. You have to expect tempers to flare."

Milloy's fight with Lehr escalated

so quickly at the end of an 11-on-11 drill that the 32-year-old strong safety quickly found himself lying face-up on the bottom of a huge pile of players.

"This is the part of camp where things start to wear on you," Milloy said. "In the end, though, you've just got to remember what color jersey the other guy's wearing."

The Milloy-Lehr matchup served as an undercard of sorts for Hall's insult-laden shoving match with Crumpler. Off the field, the two players have maintained a friendship for each other, but several teammates and coaches twice had to restrain Hall, a Pro Bowl cornerback, and Crumpler, a three-time Pro Bowl tight end.

Hall only ended what he started earlier in the 90-minute workout. Frustrated by Jennings during a 7-on-7 drill, Hall punched the rookie receiver so hard that his helmet flew off his head.

"Didn't mean to tangle with him, but you've got to be aggressive sometimes," Jennings said. "He's an aggressive guy, but he's my teammate, and I have a lot of respect for him."

Nobody was hurt from the fracas, though Hall didn't participate in the night session with his left wrist wrapped in a bandage. Head coach Jim Mora long ago established a precedent of giving his starters and important reserves extra time off during camp.

Mora sidestepped the specifics of his message, mostly because he wants the team's energy to flow first from high-profile veterans like Milloy, Hall and Crumpler.

During a segment in which three offensive linemen faced off against two defensive linemen and a linebacker, however, Mora and assistants Chris Beake and Clancy Barone yelled louder and more frequently than they had at any point since camp opened July 27.

"We had what we call a three-part pod drill to get the pads cracking early in practice with the up-front guys," Mora said. "I think it's sign of their maturity and leadership that they came out like that."

Natalie Smith named new head coach for women's track and field

GSU News Service

Natalie Smith has been named the new head coach for the Georgia Southern women's cross country and track and field program, announced Director of Athletics Sam Baker. Smith takes over for Shaun Meinecke, who resigned on Monday.

Meinecke, a former assistant coach at Georgia Southern and the Eagles' head coach the past two seasons, resigned to become the assistant women's track and field coach at the University of Miami of Ohio. Meinecke, the Southern Conference Outdoor Track 'Coach of the Year' in 2005 and 2006, led the Eagles to a runner-up finish each of the last two seasons and had several athletes qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Track East Regionals.

Most recently Smith has directed the men and women's track program at Tarleton State University the past two years. A four-year letterwinner for the TexAnns, Smith spent time at TSU as a graduate assistant then assistant coach

before taking over both programs. A graduate of Tarleton State, Smith qualified for the NCAA Division II national championships in 2001 as part of the 4x400 relay team.

Smith coached 11 student-athletes to the National Championships during her first year in charge. Of those 11, nine earned All-America honors.

Originally from Groesbeck, Texas, Smith was a finalist for the Georgia Southern job when Meinecke was promoted from interim to head coach. Smith's knowledge and background left a lasting impression on the search committee.

"Shaun did an exceptional job directing the women's track program. He had the outdoor team challenging both years for a Southern Conference title and sent student-athletes to the NCAA Regionals," said Baker. "When Shaun announced his resignation, we immediately thought of Natalie as his replacement."

"Not only did she have a successful collegiate career, Natalie has been able to build on that during her coaching career at Tarleton State. I believe she can continue to take our program forward and compete for Southern Conference championships," said Baker.



Natalie Smith

Ex-NBA player arrested in D.C.

Associated Press

Former NBA player Lonny Baxter was arrested by uniformed Secret Service agents on Wednesday after shots were fired from a vehicle about two blocks from the White House.

Baxter, who helped Maryland win a national championship and played with the Charlotte Bobcats last season, was ordered held without bail.

"Nobody feels worse about this whole scenario than Mr. Baxter himself," Baxter's lawyer, Harold Martin, said after Wednesday's brief court appearance. "Hopefully this doesn't become a life-altering event."

The 27-year-old Baxter was taken into custody around 2:30 a.m. after a witness flagged down a Secret Service agent and reported shots fired from a white sport utility vehicle, said Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren.

Officers stopped the vehicle, which Baxter was driving, near the intersection of 17th and I streets in Northwest Washington, he said.

"There were spent shell casings in plain view inside the vehicle," Zahren said. Officers also recovered a handgun.

The Secret Service charged



Associated Press/Lawrence Jackson
Lonny Baxter was arrested after shots were fired near the White House on Wednesday.

Baxter and his passenger, 35-year-old Irvin Martin, with carrying a handgun without a license and other firearms charges, which could lead to up to seven years in prison.

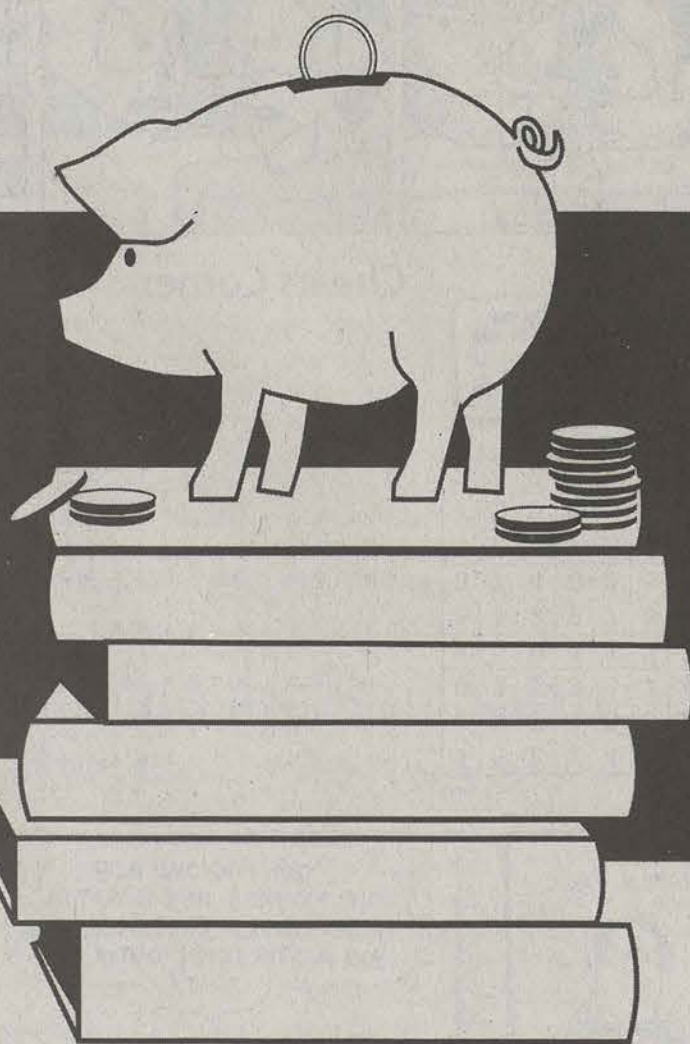
It wasn't immediately clear why they were allegedly firing the gun.

"We're not sure at this point," Zahren said. "There may be some subsequent charges if we discover some additional information."

Martin was released on his own recognizance.

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PGA Championship on TNT



Mickelson and Woods paired in final Major

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson are paired in the PGA Tour Championship that begins today at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Illinois. Having chased each other for Major victories over the last few years, it marks the first time the pair will be playing together in the opening round while on tour. Both Woods and Mickelson are looking to capture their second Major victory in 2006. If Woods or Mickelson wins the Tour Championship, it's likely that either would win the 'PGA Tour Player of the Year'.

Will Adams

WHAT'S TALL?

Baker needs to practice patience with VanGorder

Spoiled by former head coach Paul Johnson's back-to-back I-AA National Championships in 1999 and 2000, AD Sam Baker fired fourth year head coach Mike Sewak in an effort to alleviate the sting from tough playoff losses the past two seasons. Baker instead opted to "clean house" and "go in a different direction" by hiring former UGA defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder to help bring another championship trophy back to Statesboro.



Will Adams is the sports editor of The George-Anne. He is a junior journalism major from Atlanta.

But in what 'direction' is Baker looking to go? GSU isn't any closer to a National Championship; in fact they're even farther away.

Mike Sewak's seven-year tenure as an assistant coach on four National Championship teams and two SoCon Titles in four years as head coach weren't good enough for Baker, so you have to wonder... How much time does VanGorder have before he gets the axe?

If the recent firing of Sewak has any merit, my guess would be not very complex. Countless numbers of students, alumni and local Statesboro residents have helped to set unreasonably high expectations, despite GSU's long tradition of winning. Just because a record six national titles have been won here, and great success has been achieved in a relatively short period of time, we can't win every year.

What would Sam Baker do if VanGorder and his staff have a losing record this season?

Make excuses by blaming it on inexperienced quarterbacks or young guys learning the new offense? Maybe Baker would just get impatient again and fire VanGorder with the same type of knee jerk reaction he fired Sewak?

It's very doubtful, but, who expected Sewak and the rest of his coaching staff to get canned after finishing 7-2, despite losing two of their first three games last season? Pride is important and expectations sometimes get in the way of reality, which is what makes it almost impossible to have any realistic goals of anything but bringing the national championship trophy back to Statesboro.

However, change is good and if GSU wants to be able to compete for a national title with the likes of App State and Furman, the football program obviously needs the guidance and leadership of someone like VanGorder. Having earned the Frank Broyles Top Assistant Coach Award, VanGorder helped the second ranked Bulldog defense to an SEC Championship in 2003, which is evidence that he has been able to get the most out of his players and help them reach their full potential.

A different coaching staff is never easy and usually takes about three or four seasons to realize the changes and for the players and the rest of the program to reach their full potential, but VanGorder may not have that long.

Perhaps GSU's most significant season, 2006 will be the litmus test for Sam Baker's debated off-season decisions and could determine where GSU football is headed in the near future.

Curry named new NBA VP of basketball operations

Former Georgia Southern standout and NBA player to work in front office

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern alum Michael Curry was named vice president of basketball operations for the NBA last Thursday.

The former Eagle basketball standout and member of the Athletic Department Hall of Fame served as the vice president for the NBA Development League the past 11 months.

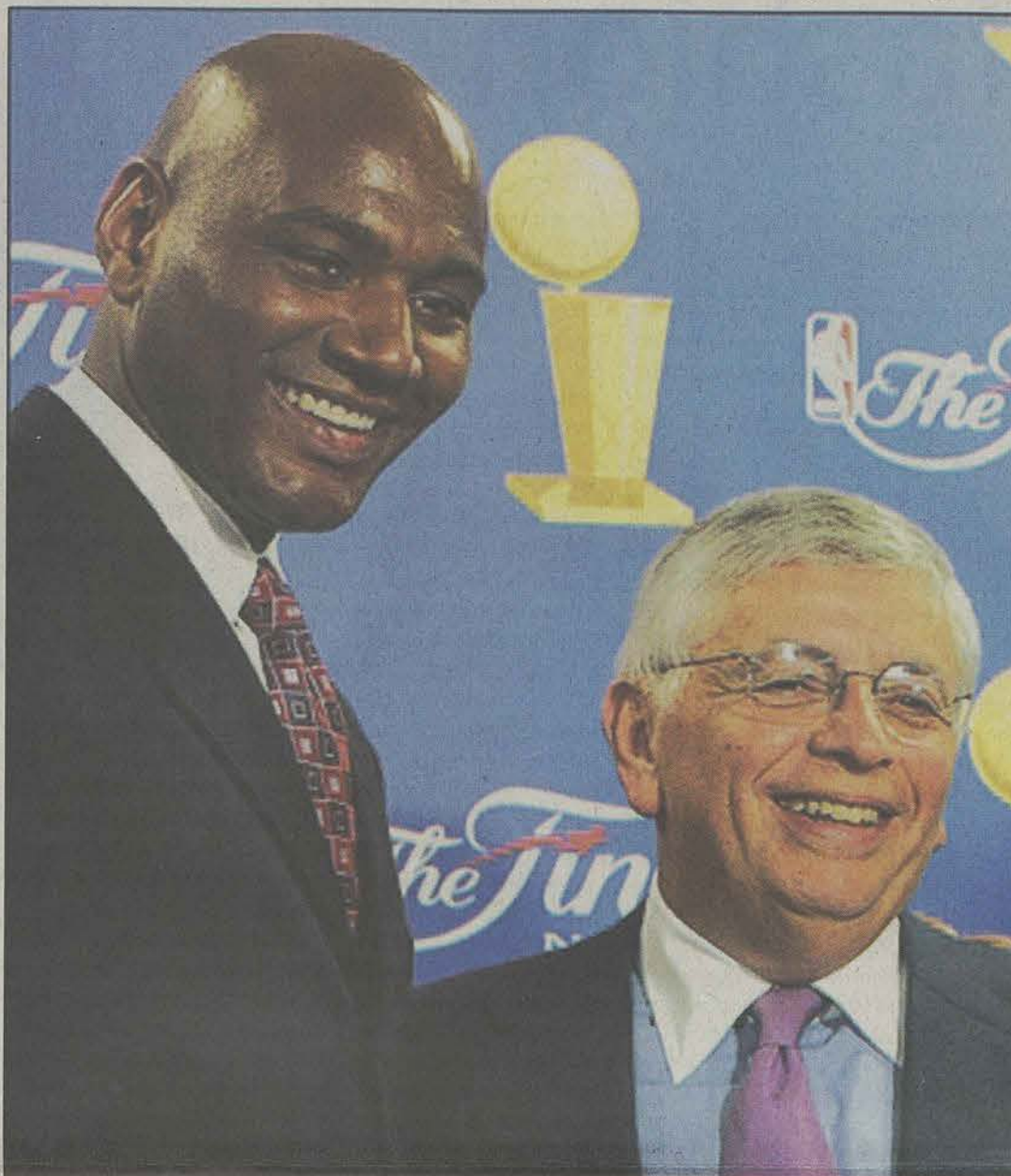
Under his new position, he will report directly to Stu Jackson, the executive vice president of basketball operations.

Before his retirement in 2005, Curry's NBA career spanned 11 seasons, playing with the Philadelphia 76ers, Washington Bullets, Detroit Pistons, Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors, and Indiana Pacers. He averaged 6.6 points a season and played in 36 playoff games.

He also played in Germany, Belgium, and France from 1990-1992, the United States Basketball League in 1992, in Italy from 1993-1994, and the Continental Basketball Association in 1992-1993 and 1995-1996.

"Michael is widely respected by teams and players in both the NBA and the [Development League] for his knowledge of the game and his leadership qualities," Joel Litvin, the NBA head of league and basketball operations, told the Associated Press.

Curry graduated from Georgia Southern in 1990 with a finance degree. He later received a master's degree in Sports Management from Virginia Commonwealth. His No. 20 jersey was retired last season.



Special Photo

GSU alum Michael Curry (left) with NBA commissioner David Stern. Curry was named vice president of basketball operations last week.

Women's soccer falls 3-1

GSU News Service

Kennesaw State scored three times in the second half, with two goals coming 22 seconds apart, to defeat Georgia Southern 3-1 in a women's soccer exhibition match Sunday afternoon at the KSU Soccer Complex.

GSU sophomore Ashley Toussaint dented the back of the net on the team's only shot of the first half converting a through-ball from junior Jenni Boykin at the 40:24 mark. The Owls outshot Georgia Southern 16-1 in the first half and 24-3 for the match.

Mandy Nolin and Laura Tucker had a hand in each of Kennesaw State's three goals. Tucker assisted Nolin on the equalizer just over three minutes into the second half before netting the match-winner with 26:18 remaining. Nolin capped off the scoring 22 seconds later.

Junior Laura-Ashley Harris played a spotless first half, making seven saves and allowing no goals in the opening 45 minutes. Freshman Lauren Santos made four saves in the second half.

"It was good way to end our pre-season schedule with a scrimmage against a good team like Kennesaw State," said head coach Ashley Hart. "We were able to get everyone playing time and I was pleased with our work rate. We saw some good things from some of our young players and we were also able to see some areas that we need to improve on. We will now spend the next two weeks fixing these areas and preparing for our season opener."

The regular season begins Friday, Aug. 25 with a match at Mercer.

Men's soccer prepares for fall season



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

GSU soccer head coach Kevin Kennedy looks on as the Eagles practice on Wednesday afternoon. GSU will play their first game on Aug. 26.

Eric Robinson

Assistant sports editor

Georgia Southern men's soccer is preparing for the new season under new head coach Kevin Kennedy. The Eagles play an exhibition game Saturday afternoon against Lander University in Greenwood, SC. The home opener against Mercer will be played on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 1:00.

Kennedy, who received a master's degree from GSU, was named interim head coach after Kevin Chambers resigned to take a position at the campus office of admissions. His past experience includes leading Augusta Aquinas High School to the 2005 A/AA State championship, and three consecutive Region 7 A/AA titles.

"I'm very excited. I think we've

got a good group of players," he said. "The SoCon is a great conference, we're excited to get ready to compete."

The Eagles finished 7-10-1 in 2005, and were eliminated by UNC Greensboro in the first round of the SoCon tournament. Kennedy said he hopes to improve the team's standing in the conference and their performance in the tournament.

Though practice has just begun, Kennedy says he already sees some improvement on the field and the morale seems to be high.

"The team chemistry has been great," he said.

The offense struggled at the end of last season, losing seven of their last eight games and scoring two goals only once during that time. According to Kennedy, the Eagle offense will be more aggressive this season.

"We're going to play a very exciting style of soccer," he said.

Senior defender Brad Mitchum says he is ready for the season to begin.

"We had a hot preseason," he said. "The team is young but it's coming together well. It's looking really good," he said.

Who to watch for:



Kim Kroken Jr., Defender



Brad Mitchum Sr., Defender

GSU students prepare for fall intramural sports

Will Adams

Sports editor

For new and old students alike, intramural sports are one of the best ways to get out and see what Georgia Southern has to offer. Sports that are offered in the fall include flag football, softball, dodgeball, indoor soccer and volleyball.

Grad assistant Tommy Segi, a member of the Intramural Sports Staff, encourages everyone to take part in intramural sports this fall, especially freshman and other new students.

"It's a good way to get involved and stay active, we have a good balance of competitive teams and students who have just started with friends from their residence halls or class."

Among these, flag football is by far the most popular. Last fall, over one hundred teams competed in the various levels. Flag football is divided into three leagues, each of which has three divisions and consists of men's, women's and co-rec teams.

The divisions in these leagues are broken down by competitiveness and skill level. The lowest division, C-league is designed for friendly and recreational play.

The next level up, B-league is for those who are a more competitive and interested in taking on better teams.

The highest, A-league is the toughest and most competitive level and features faster, stronger, and more experienced players.

Senior Scott Mason started playing flag football during his freshman year with some friends from the dorms and plans to sign up and play again this fall. "I love it because I'm a man, you know, it's just you and your friends versus seven other guys. You're the coach and you and your friends can decide what plays to run and it's an easy way to get exercise and it's something else to look forward to every week."

A match-up between the first and second place teams in the A and B-league decides the winner of the all-campus tournament.

That winner is rewarded with a trip to the national flag football tournament, where teams from Georgia Southern have a track record of performing pretty well.

Although the competition is fun, the CRI is quick to remind everyone who participates, knows about the consequences of taking the games too seriously.

If you are thrown out of a campus intramural game, you must meet with the director of intramurals before you can be reinstated, and you will face a suspension of at least one game.

For those who will be participating in any of the intramural sports, more in-depth information about the scheduling and rules of your particular sport will be given at the mandatory captain's meeting. These meetings are usually held a few days before the start of the league and give a run-down of what is expected of all teams playing in the league.

If you are interested in playing, but are short a few players, these meetings



Special Photo

Flag football is one of several intramural sports offered in the fall.

are where you can ask about the improved free agent system that the CRI keeps to help place players on teams which fit their skill levels.

The most important thing to remember when getting your intramural team started is the deadline for signing your team up.

Staff writer Mike Anthony contributed to this story.

Sport	Entries Due	Play Begins
Dodgeball	Aug. 17	Aug. 21
Fall Softball	Aug. 22	Aug. 28
Flag Football	Sept. 5	Sept. 11
CRI Golf	Sept. 19	Sept. 24
Indoor Soccer	Oct. 3	Oct. 9
Volleyball	Oct. 3	Oct. 9

OUR PICK

Peanut Festival

Bored this weekend? How about checking out the Peanut Festival in Brooklet, just a short drive away. They have many activities including a street dance, parade and arts and crafts. Check it out this Saturday starting at 7am.



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3. **Chappelle... Lost Eps.**
4. **She's the man**
5. **Pirates... Caribbean**
6. **ATL**
7. **Eight Below**
8. **Boondocks: Season 1**
9. **Failure to Launch**
10. **High School Musical**

MOVIES

1. **Talladega Nights**
2. **Step Up**
3. **World Trade Center**
4. **Barnyard**
5. **Pulse**
6. **Pirates...Caribbean 2**
7. **Zoom**
8. **The Descent**
9. **Miami Vice**
10. **Monster House**

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2. **Various Artists**
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5. **Gnarls Barkley**
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6. **Various Artists**
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7. **Rihanna**
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Loose
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Source: Entertainment Weekly

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- Miami Vice**
7:00, 10:00
- Talladega Nights**
(4:10), (4:45), 7:05, 7:35,
9:30, 10:00
- Zoom**
5:20, 7:30, 9:40
- Pulse**
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- World Trade Center**
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- Step Up**
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Parenthesis denotes matinee

What's HOT in Fall fashion

By Avina Darmadjaja
Staff Writer

We live in Statesboro, GA, thousands of miles away from New York City, the world's fashion capital. We also walk a slower pace than the busy fashionistas in Manhattan.

But does it mean that we are not as fashion forward? We think not! Proven by just the first few days of class, we see students strut their stuff and embrace the fall 2006 semester in style.

One of the biggest and most obvious fashion comebacks right now is leggings. Paired with long, chunky sweaters, ankle boots and the kind of hair volume that wasted multiple bottles of hairspray, they dominated the fashion world in the eighties. After many glorious years back in the day, the leggings were put to sleep for a complete decade. Surprisingly (and after someone figured out a slightly different way of wearing them), the leggings are in again! Walk around the campus and you'll see girls with their leggings; collaborating them with mini jeans skirts, sundresses and even short shorts.

Although leggings come in different colors and patterns, the most popular is plain black leggings with brocade trim. This kind of leggings flatters your figure and makes it possible to wear even the shortest miniskirt without the worries of skin over-exposure.

The chunky eighties sweaters might also make a big comeback once the temperature allows. For now, however, it is still out of the question. In-

stead, Georgia Southern's own fashionistas are currently layer-obsessed: deep, plunging neck shirts over a

lacey tank top, a white blouse underneath a trim little vest. By the way, the layering craze is student-friendly because the layers keep you warm inside a chilly classroom while the lightweight material will not make you sweat outside of the buildings any more than you already have.

What accentuates layered shirts better than layered accessories? Say goodbye to last season's bulky beads and say hello to long, bold, golden chain necklaces. All those keywords are equally important; long because it needs to make more than one layer, bold because it needs to make enough statement and gold because, well, just because it's hot.

From the look of it, Georgia Southern's students are willing to pay the price that comes with these beauties. We can look at it as an investment, though, because it looks like it has been proven that these blings do have staying power in the fashion world.

Speaking of investments, there are significant amounts of designer bags being toted around campus by the ladies. From Dooney & Bourke, COACH, Fendi to the classic Louis Vuitton. Two things that most of these bags have in common: they are pricey and oversized. The oversized bags (whether it is authentic Prada or an Isaac Mizrahi for Target) made it big last season and are apparently still going strong. It is very convenient compared to small purses that were hot a few seasons ago, especially for college students. They take advantage of the extra room in those spacious bags to carry the big and heavy textbooks in style, finally able to ditch the old, raggedy JanSport once and for all.

Although the single must-have shoes this fall are a pair of peep-toed, chunky-heeled, plastic red pumps, we really hope not to see anyone wear it to school to prevent blisters and other nasty conditions. It is more realistic and comfortable, not to say less fashionable, to wear flats.

Various kinds of flats are dominating this season's runway: square-toe flats, Mary Jane flats and even flat boots. We see a whole lot of

square-toe and round-toe flats on campus with materials ranging from tweed, suede, twill and even leather. It's also interesting that instead of plain ol' flats, students prefer ones with patterns. Therefore, to balance the elaborate patterns, they tone it down in colors. Instead of hot pink and bright green that was in during the summer, they go back to basics with blacks, browns and whites.

From the variety of this year's fall fashion styles, notice that there is something for everybody. So go ahead and unleash your inner style and step into the fall with confidence!

Special photo



Welcome Week has more to come

Jason Hurst
Staff writer

Welcome Week is well underway thanks to Eagle Entertainment and their many sponsors. A wide assortment of interesting activities and events are still to come.

Already, we've seen cookouts, carnivals, socials, Bayou events and activities such as henna tattoos, all meant to welcome freshmen to the ever-growing Georgia Southern campus and community.

But though many events have already passed by with success, don't think you've missed all the fun and chances to meet new people. For Thursday, August 17, a 50 percent off event will be occurring at the French Quarter Café, called Fun Crazy in the Boro. Make sure bring your student ID to enjoy the counts.

On Friday, August 18, Eagle Entertainment will be providing supplies to create your own Mardi Gras mask at the Russell Union Rotunda from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Make sure to stop by and prepare, cause later that night the Williams Center will be hosting a Masquerade

Ball. The ball will be from at 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

You can pick up your free ticket for the ball at the Office of Student Activities located in Russell Union anytime through Thursday.

Also, Friday plays host to the second annual Halo Tournament with a \$500 cash prize.

The Tournament requires a \$5 entry fee, \$10 at the door, and will be a relative free-for-all or "rumble pit" match type. You can register online at www.eagleentertainment.com or at the Office of Student Activities.

Anyone who would like to meet at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. can join fellow students in traveling to a local church's worship service and a free lunch afterwards.

Hypnotist Dale K headlines Monday's events with a performance in the Russell Union Ballroom at 9 p.m. The event is free, but seating is limited, so don't be late.

Tuesday will consist of House Calls in which University faculty and staff will be coming to the freshman dormitories to meet and welcome the newest members of the com-

munity.

Those students who are in their rooms to take advantage of this event will be entered into a drawing for a free iPod. Also taking place that evening from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. will be Residence Hall Leadership elections.

Don't miss your chance to make your voice heard.

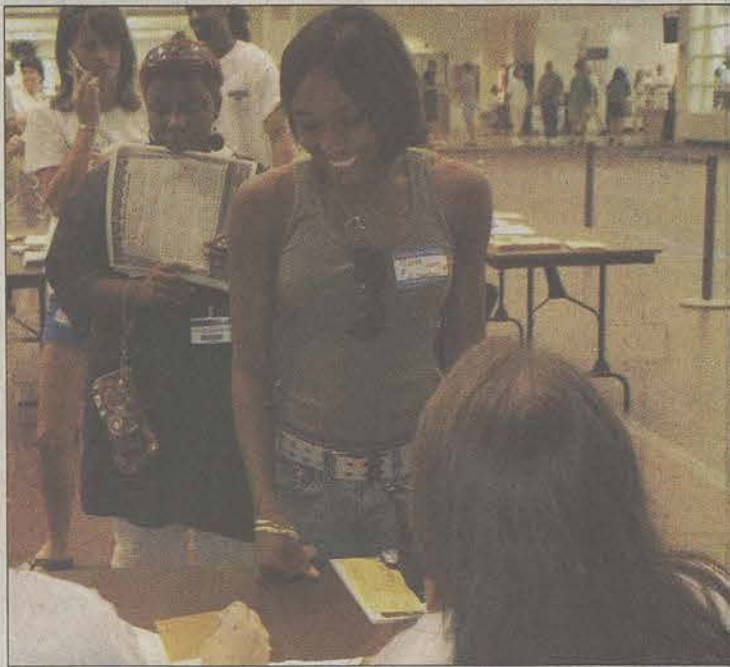
Wednesday, August 23, will bring the 2006 Expo to the Rotunda. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., students will have the opportunity to meet and find out about various clubs, businesses, organizations and job opportunities throughout the community.

Approximately 150 organizations and vendors will be on-site.

There will also be free food and giveaways during the event. There will also be a continuation of voting for Residence Hall Leadership that evening for those who missed their previous opportunity.

And finally, to close off the events, a weekend White Water Rafting trip is being hosted by Eagle Entertainment from August 25 until 27.

The price of the trip is \$100 which includes transportation, a full day of rafting, lodging and some of your



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Incoming freshmen check into their residence hall this past Friday at the RAC. After moving in, students get to experience many programs and events to welcome them to GSU's campus.

meals. August 18 is the last day to sign up for this trip, so hurry in or call the Office of Student Activities at 486-7270.

With so many events still to look forward to, you shouldn't want for

a good time in your first weeks on the Georgia Southern campus. Everyone be sure to get out and have a great time.

So come out and enjoy all the fun and games.

THE BOTTOM LINE

By NICK ABNEY

Music and more

This Friday at 8 p.m. find your way down to 4347 Old Register Rd., behind University Imports, to see four bands rocking the house.

The opening act will be The Mean Girls from

Atlanta playing 80's music with a rockabilly flare. Next up is The Door Keys from Indiana with a pop/punk/dance mix. Third is Madeline from Athens featuring folky pop rock. Last on the list is Emotron, a one man wonder.

Entry into this shrine to music is only \$5 and there will be two kegs for those of legal drinking age. Come early, the kegs are only there until they're gone!

Also, don't bother driving because there will be no place to park. Park on campus, walk or ride a bike.

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Ferrell's Talladega Nights crashes into theaters

By Jeff Martin

Assistant Hiatus editor

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" is probably best characterized by the fake Eleanor Roosevelt quotation during the film's opening: "America is all about speed - hot, nasty bad-ass speed." This tongue-in-cheek pokesets the movie up for a half-absurd half slapstick comedy about going as fast as you can.

Will Ferrell's character Ricky Bobby is a borderline idiot surrounded by the insane and complete morons. In other words, exactly the character Will Ferrell plays in every movie.

The defining moment in Ricky's life is when his father (played by Gary Cole) shows up stoned to grade school and tells Ricky "If you aren't first, you're last." From that point on, Ferrell's character lives his life with a devil-may-care attitude, which has him either winning races or crashing horribly.

There are some extremely crazy crashes in Talladega Nights, including one that spans a commercial break. The crashes are less humorous than they are absolutely absurd, but the absurdity works to show us something we'd never see in real NASCAR. Somehow, each time Ricky Bobby

crashes and completely totals his car he emerges completely unharmed with not a scratch on him.

The film sometimes doesn't seem to know whom it is making fun of: the fans or the drivers. It ceases to matter right about half an hour into the film when the plot actually starts up. The first thirty minutes are a smorgasbord of driving and free (and in a few cases not so free) advertising. Those advertisements paid for a great deal of the film, with Wonder Bread shelling out a pretty penny to be the main sponsor featured in the movie. This is actually done tastefully because at the same time, the film is

lampooning NASCAR's relationship with sponsors.

The other star of Talladega Nights is Sasha Baron Cohen as a French Formula One driver who's been brought to America for the sole purpose of beating Ricky Bobby in a race. Cohen's character could easily be added to his already numerous alter egos including Ali G and Borat. One wonders if Cohen didn't sit down and imagine every French stereotype he could in order to come up with the character.

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" is exactly what a Will Ferrell movie should be in term of humor and zaniness.



Special photo

Will Ferrell and Sasha Baron Cohen play rival NASCAR drivers in the new movie "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

Celebrity relationships: the grass isn't greener on the other side



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BREAK UPS:

It's another week and another celebrity split. According to People Magazine online, Kate Hudson and Chris Robinson, lead singer of the Black Crows, have separated after nearly 6 years of marriage. The couple

met in 2000 and moved in together just days after meeting. After less than a year of dating, the couple married and had a son, Ryder Russell, on January 7, 2004. The separation of the laid back duo has come as a shock to some, but tabloids have doubted the romance for years. According to E! Online, in 2004 Star Magazine ran a story with the headline "Kate Hudson Marriage on the Rocks?" After the announcement of the separation, the rumor mill started spinning. Us Weekly's

current issue has the headline "Kate & Owen's Secret Affair" and said that multiple sources confirm a relationship between Hudson and her "You, Me and Dupree" co-star Owen Wilson, which is the main reason for the break-up of her marriage. Us Weekly says a lawyer for Wilson said, "Anything that suggests that the separation of Ms. Hudson was caused by Mr. Wilson is absolutely false." But the sources are standing by their stories and said that Wilson was "not so secretly hoping that she

would leave Chris so they won't have to hide."

BREAK DOWNS:

As I reported last week, former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and his actress wife Shanna Moakler, who appeared together on the MTV reality show "Meet the Barkers," have called it quits after less than two years of marriage. Now the break-up is getting downright ugly in cyber space. The duo have both fired shots at each other by posting messages to their

fans on the social networking page MySpace. According to E! Online, Moakler posted a message shortly after the news of Barker filing for divorce last week. "I am devastated and very much heartbroken over the demise of my marriage and for the upset of my family," said Moakler. Barker quickly fired back on his own MySpace page, alleging that his estranged wife stayed in bed until around 2:30 pm and was often out partying late at night. He went on to say that the final straw in

the break-up of his marriage was when he learned his wife had been unfaithful to him. Moakler then responded to Barker through her publicist. "I have been 100 percent faithful in my marriage and a devoted mother, two facts of which Travis is well aware." She also went on to question the stability and mental health of Barker. The jabs stopped at that and Barker decided to remove his MySpace post on Tuesday. Looks like the Barker's will not be meeting anytime soon.

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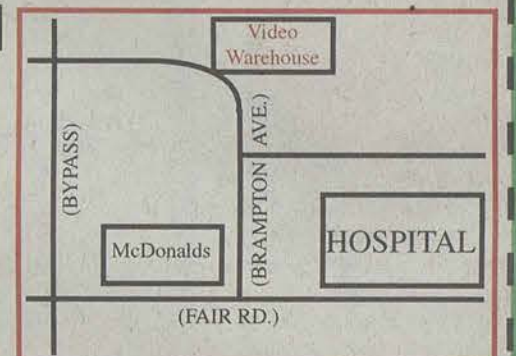
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FOOD CORNER

Dinner and a tasty drink

By Jeff Martin

Assistant Hiatus editor

Today we've got a quick and tasty recipe for a banana strawberry smoothie that is sure to impress and refresh. Eat up and enjoy.

Strawberry Banana Smoothie



Special photo

2 ripe small bananas
1 cup frozen unsweetened whole strawberries
1 8-ounce carton vanilla low-fat yogurt
3/4 cup milk

Peel bananas. Cut bananas into chunks. Place banana chunks, frozen strawberries, yogurt, and milk into blender a container. Cover blender and blend on high speed about 1 minute or until mixture is smooth. Makes 2 servings.

Source www.bhg.com

Blackened Catfish



Special photo

1 ounce salad oil
2 (5 to 8-ounce) catfish fillets
2 ounces fish blackening seasoning
Heat a 12-inch cast iron skillet over high heat. When the skillet is hot, add the oil. Season both sides of each catfish fillet with the blackening seasoning and place in skillet. Cook fillets for 5 minutes on each side.

Source www.foodtv.com

FRESHMAN LIFE

Dorm woes

By Michael Bevil

Staff writer

Much like every other freshman on campus, already I find myself running into problems; the worst of these being directions. While most people are open enough to help the little-lost-lamb of a freshman that I am, I can't help but feel more and more like someone who graduated from the academy of the directionally challenged.

Being locked out of the dorm hall also provides that special "I'm a freshman, hear me roar," kind of feeling. Perhaps these, "stupid freshman," moments come from lack of knowledge of the rules at Georgia Southern. For example, they tell you that smoking is not allowed in the buildings. This is probably due to the fact that one day, in a certain hall, some new guy on campus - who probably didn't know any better - tried to lean out his window and have a cigarette. This resulted in every fire alarm in his hall going off at at 3:30 a.m. I'm almost positive he never did that again, and even if he'd wanted to, the campus probably began the "no smoking" ban the next day.

Speaking of smoking, am I the only one who actually feels somewhat like a criminal for having a cigarette on campus? For a southern school, there really aren't that many people who smoke, and every time someone actually lights up a cigarette, everyone around them acts just a little bit different. Some are offended, some cough, some complain and some even go out of their way to get away from you. We smokers know that we have a disgusting habit, but don't make us feel any worse.

Regardless, adjusting to campus will provide some difficulties, but then again, what in life doesn't. I do think it will be especially hard for me considering I was the freshman who decided he would get his feet wet with 18 hours of class. Anyway, we'll all get through this adjustment together.



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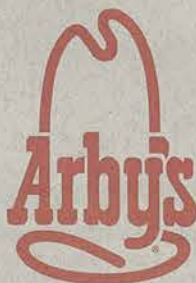
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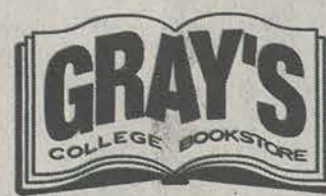
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