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File Photo

Students prepare to spend the night in cardboard boxes as part of the Homeless Sleepout on the Landrum lawn in this file photo from 2004.

'Hunger and Homelessness Week' begins

Events planned throughout the week to raise student awareness

By Renada Thomas
Staff writer

Students will be given the opportunity to step into the shoes of those less fortunate by participating in Hunger and Homelessness Week, which will take place Oct. 2 to 5 to raise student awareness of the hungry and homeless population.

The week will kick off with a Poverty Simulation, which will take place at the Russell Union Ballroom from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. "Basically this is a mock city" said Diana Hensley, coordinator of Volunteer Services. "Students can walk through the simulations to briefly experience life on the side of poverty."

At 6 p.m. on Oct. 3, there will be a Hunger Banquet, also held in the Russell Union Ballroom. Tickets for the Hunger Banquet are available in Russell Union room 2022, and are selling for \$2, plus three canned goods, or \$5 without the canned goods.

Senior Sandy Baker participated in last year's banquet. She said that the banquet really made her open her eyes to the number of people who go hungry each day, a reality that deeply saddens her.

The Hunger Banquet will be an interactive event designed to give students the experience of the inequalities of the world. Students will be given a card when entering the banquet stating who they are. Students will role play, and each role affects the outcome of the banquet, including the type of food served to each role.

A lunch discussion will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at noon in Russell

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'Morning-after pill' gets FDA approval

Plan B will be offered at the campus Health Center with or without a prescription for students 18 years and older starting in January

By Lauren Childs
Staff writer

Plan B, often referred to as the morning-after pill, has recently been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. After being available for many years by prescription only, Plan B will now be provided as an over-the-counter product for women 18 and over.

The emergency contraceptive is available at the Georgia Southern health center with a prescription and required counseling session.

Manufacturers of the drug describe Plan B as an emergency contraception that should only be used as a backup plan after unprotected sex or contraceptive failure.

"We plan to have a nurse practitioner counsel the patient and have them sign a consent form stating they understand the possible side effects before distributing Plan B," said Carol Turknett, head nurse of the GSU Health Center.

"We don't require appointments for Plan B," said Turknett. "We're not like regular drug stores, all of our medication is prescription medication, but we will offer Plan B over-the-counter starting in January."

Turknett said that after discussing placing a limit on the number of times students can receive Plan B with other university health centers in Georgia, there will be no limit on usage, but the required counseling may become more intense with each use.

"Each time somebody comes in, we will intensify the counseling used, because Plan B is not supposed to be used as a form of birth control," said Turknett. "So if someone comes in often, we have to start thinking about their mental and emotional health."

Although it is recommended that Plan B only be used in the event of an emergency, Kelley Collins, pharmacy manager at the local Walgreens, said that the contraception is effective if used more than once.

"The effectiveness of the drug does not decrease with each usage," she said. "If taken properly within 72 hours of the sexual encounter, the morning after pill proves very

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Brian Prusa/STAFF

A nurse practitioner from the GSU Health Center holds a packet of emergency contraceptives, 'Plan B,' which was recently approved by the FDA for over-the-counter distribution.

Campus takes depression, mental health seriously

Expanding mental health programs vital to lowering suicide rates on campuses

By Alison Malmon
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — As another academic year shifts into full gear, millions of college students once again are settling in with new roommates, adjusting to new course schedules, and adapting to life away from families and friends.

For far too many, the stress level can be excruciating. The academic, financial and social pressures for both first-year students and upperclassmen often overwhelm the excitement of embarking on a quest for knowledge that can — and should — lead to a life of achievement, fulfillment and happiness.

All too often, however, college students feel more loneliness, isolation and stress than they've ever known before. Still others are reliving many of the same grueling competitive stresses and mental health issues first encountered on their path through high school.

Whether new to the college scene or returning upperclassmen, not all collegians, contrary to the generally rosy public perception, are experiencing "the best time of

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MCT Illustration/John Shew

Managing midterm exam stress

The Counseling Center offers students support and help in dealing with stress

Keith Arnett
GSU News Service

Take a deep breath in....
Hold...
Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ...
Now exhale...

If you followed the instructions, you're one step closer to managing the stress associated with mid-term exams.

Dr. Prentiss Price, Psychologist at the Counseling and Career Development Center, recommends the use of

humor and/or relaxation exercises to lessen our minds response to stress in order to reduce the tension that tends to manifest in our body during stressful situations.

Generation after generation of college students seem to experience the stress associated with exams especially at mid-term and end of semester.

Dr. Marlo Rouse-Arnett, professor in the College of Hospitality, Tourism, and Family and Consumer Science,

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MCT Illustration/Ron Borresen

SAPA increases sexual assault awareness

By Alena Parker
Staff writer

We know the red ribbon represents AIDS awareness and the drug-free campaign in schools. The pink ribbon stands for breast cancer and the yellow ribbon means "Support Our Troops."

But not many know the meaning behind the teal ribbon.

Sexual Assault Prevention Advocates (SAPA) of Georgia Southern is working to make sexual assault known. SAPA was designed as the student organization of Georgia Southern's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). SAPA assists SART by educating the campus and community.

The organization's mission is centered on "increasing awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual assault, improving communication between women and men around sexual issues, and reducing the incidents of sexual violence."

Angela Ogburn is the organi-

zation's faculty advisor and a staff counselor at the GSU Counseling and Career Development Center.

"SAPA achieves this mission by being visible at campus events and by presenting in front of classes and student organizations," she said.

Sexual assault can be a difficult issue to discuss. While counselors are available to provide professional guidance, SAPA is there to educate students. They let them know that they do not have to go through it alone.

In order to help make such a positive impact, it takes a team of dedicated people.

"We want students passionate about the cause," said SAPA President Vicky Ramchandani.

Jacoda Kee, family and consumer science major, is the SAPA secretary. Kee was moved by the t-shirts in last year's Clothesline Project. "I almost wound up in tears," she said.

Lalit Ramchandani, a psychology major, is another SAPA member who feels the organization has made a

difference.

"You can't know who you touch. It has its own momentum and light," he said.

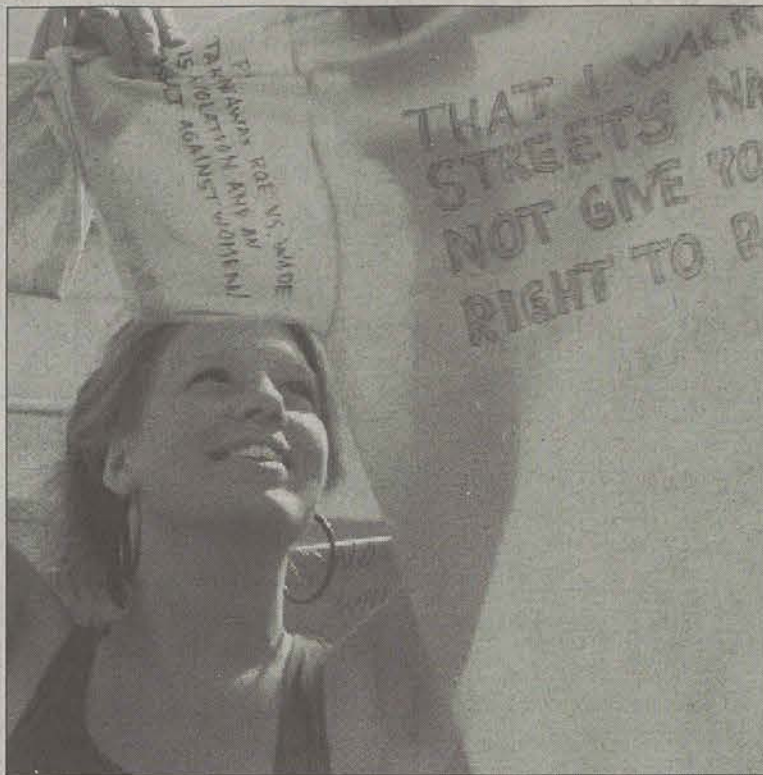
Since its establishment in 2004, SAPA has made efforts to live by its mission by assisting SART with its activities promoting the cause.

SAPA also participates in other campus activities and events. Last month's "Sex Signals" was sponsored by SART, but SAPA members volunteered. They set up a table with information and brochures to distribute.

Next semester, SAPA and SART will team together to host Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Events include a candlelight vigil, Clothesline Project and their signature "Take Back the Night" March.

"It's a student's opportunity to be a peer leader, educator, and be an impact on the student body."

You do not have to be directly affected by sexual assault to participate. To learn more about SAPA contact them at (912) 481-3773.



Casey Altman/STAFF

Exchange student Kajsa Magnusson hangs a T-shirt she decorated for the Clothesline Project under the Russell Union rotunda. The project is aimed at raising awareness of sexual assault.

Delta Chi supports celebrity brothers

GSU News Service

When news got out that two Hollywood celebrities, movie stars and Delta Chi brothers Kevin Costner, Fullerton '77 and Ashton Kutcher, Iowa '00, were going to star in a Coast Guard themed movie, The Guardian, the anticipation among the Delta Chi brothers at Georgia Southern started building.

"It's so cool seeing movie previews with two of our most prominent acting alumni in the same movie," said Peter Lane, president of the GSU chapter.

"When some of our members came back from convention this summer, they said that they played the trailer on two jumbo screens during the banquet and the whole place went



Special Photo

Delta Chi brothers Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher co-star in the new movie "The Guardian," which premiered Friday.

nuts. That's when we knew this was going to be big."

Costner and Kutcher, who have separately appeared in more than 55 major motion pictures, met at a charity event for St. Jude's Christian

Hospital three years ago.

The movie opened Friday and brothers of the GSU Chapter are ready to see the 'reel' deal.

In a recent USA Today article from Sept. 27, "Changing of the Guardian,"

Kutcher was quoted about his experiences making the movie and working with his fraternity brother.

"It's like growing up and watching Kevin's films, and they don't disappoint," said Kutcher. "I'm from Iowa, so I was born and raised on 'If you build it, they will come.' And when you see films like that or JFK or Dances with Wolves or The Bodyguard, you realize there aren't very many guys that don't disappoint. And Kevin is one of them."

Costner has a new understanding of Kutcher after working with him for the first time. "Ash is smack-dab in that point in his career where everybody is like, 'Prove it to me.' Everybody wants to limit him and everybody keeps being wrong about him," said Costner about Kutcher.

"And that's because they're playing catch-up. He's already on to his next thing."

Delta Chi brothers flocked to see brothers Costner and Kutcher, and members of the GSU Chapter were there too.

"We started planning a recruitment event screening of the movie a few weeks ago," said Steven Haight, recruitment chairman. "We've already bought our tickets and a bunch of guys are excited about seeing the movie on the big screen."

Delta Chi, originally founded by eleven law school students in 1890 at Cornell University, still holds as its cardinal principle respect for and advancement of justice. The GSU chapter of Delta Chi was chartered in Feb. 2005.

Health

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their lives," and it's high time we owned up to it.

The statistics are mind numbing. In a 2005 survey conducted by the American College Health Association, more than half of the nation's 17.6 million college students reported being so depressed that they could not function; and 1 in 10 students, 1,760,000, reported they had seriously contemplated attempting suicide.

The vast majority of Americans don't realize that suicide is the second-leading cause of death for college students, killing more young people between the ages of 18-24 than all physical illnesses combined.

One reason for this knowledge vacuum is because a serious dialogue about mental health and suicide on college campuses is largely absent. Many students who experience loneliness or anxiety have no idea they can get professional treatment on campus; and, just as important, they think they're alone.

Moreover, many students are convinced they can start anew when they arrive on campus. They assume the mental health problems they experienced in high school were just a phase and a different environment will ease or end their symptoms. For some the transition to college may prove to be the change they needed, but for others that first semester of college sends them plummeting to an all-time low.

Mental illnesses are not just debilitating, they are isolating. It is imperative that we build a genuine support network on college campuses and provide tolerant and safe environments so that each and every student has a better chance of thriving.

Mental health and diet

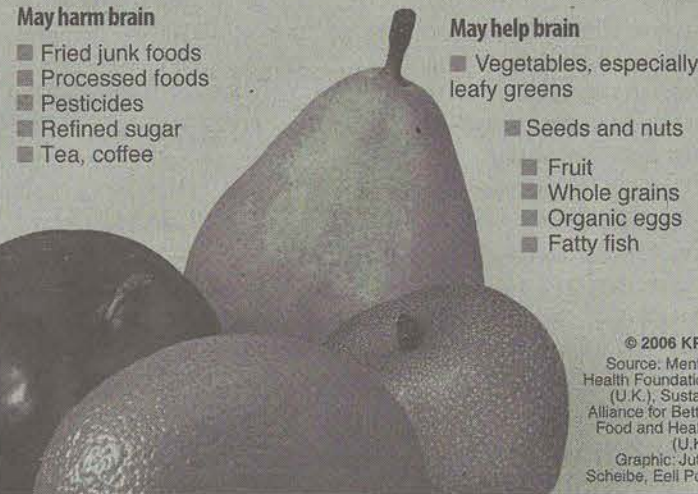
Changing diets over the last 50 years may have had an effect on mental health in developed countries; some possible effects:

May harm brain

- Fried junk foods
- Processed foods
- Pesticides
- Refined sugar
- Tea, coffee

May help brain

- Vegetables, especially leafy greens
- Seeds and nuts
- Fruit
- Whole grains
- Organic eggs
- Fatty fish



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Source: Mental Health Foundation (U.K.), Sustain Alliance for Better Food and Health (U.K.)
Graphic: Jutta Scheibe, Eeli Polli

Until recently, most colleges and universities have been remiss in publicizing their mental health resources and failed to reach out to students as soon as they enter the orientation process. Incoming students need to be informed about the resources available to them both on-campus and in the surrounding community. And college officials should urge them to take their mental health as seriously as they would their physical well-being.

Over the past decade America has stepped up to the challenge of accommodating people with physical disabilities, fostering tolerance and compassion. Mental health disorders are every bit as real as physical ones and deserve the same respect and acceptance.

The fact is that many mental health disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, anxiety, for reasons both biological and situational, show up for the first time during college years. The earlier these symptoms are acknowledged and the illnesses are

treated, the quicker students recover and regain their equilibrium, returning to studies, friendships and the activities they enjoy.

In order to avert the pain and suffering the entire college community experiences when a student withdraws due to a mental illness, or far worse, a tragic suicide, college students must be made aware of the signs and symptoms of mental illnesses. They should be encouraged to discuss their concerns with friends or classmates who are demonstrating signs of illness, and encourage them to avail themselves of the plethora of mental health resources available on-campus, in the community and over the Internet.

Mental health awareness is reaching ever-growing numbers among the vulnerable young adult population that needs it most. And through the power of peer-to-peer support and mental health education, students are finally getting the message they need to hear: that they are not alone and that recovery is attainable.

Stress

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often tells her students, "The way you handle stress today is the way you will always handle stress. Don't live your life on fast forward because you will waste your life away. There is always going to be an exam to study for or a job interview. Learning effective ways

of dealing with stress today may be life-saving for you."

Although professors, university counselors and administrators specifically bring attention to this phenomenon experienced by a majority of college students, managing mid-term exam stress remains a right of passage that each student experiences.

Managing the stress associated

with examinations is an ongoing process for junior psychology student, Nikita Doomes, who advises students to prioritize, make lists and use campus resources to assist with managing stress related to midterms.

Hopefully upperclassmen, like Nikita, have learned effective strategies and incoming freshman will gain necessary knowledge to lessen their reaction to mid-term exam stress.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 2

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Public Relations Fair
Russell Union 2047

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Free AIDS testing
Russell Union 2080

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
AIDS testing information
Russell Union Commons

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Poverty simulation
Russell Union Ballroom

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Art department lectures
Arts Building Auditorium

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Reel Entertainment
Russell Union 2044

7:30 p.m.
"Raisin in the Sun"
Black Box Theatre

Tuesday, October 3

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hispanic clothing drive
Russell Union Commons

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
GRE math review
Math Addition 2318

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
ShuttleGus meeting
Russell Union 2001

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Hunger Banquet
Russell Union Ballroom

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Young Democrats meeting
Russell Union 2044

7:30 p.m.
GSU Opera: Street Scenes
Averitt Center for the Arts

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
GLTQ Movie: Transamerica
Russell Union Theatre

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NATIONAL POLITICS

White House accuses reporter of bias

By Kevin G. Hall

McClatchy Newspapers

The White House on Sunday attacked investigative journalist Bob Woodward, accusing the reporter of pursuing an agenda in researching his new book "State of Denial," which portrays the Bush administration in an unflattering way.

Appearing on the ABC news program "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," White House Counselor Dan Bartlett said Woodward had "already formulated some conclusions even before the interviewing began" with current and former top administration officials.

Excerpts from the book were published Sunday in The Washington Post, where Woodward is an assistant managing editor. They included allegations that President Bush gave rosy public reports about Iraq despite intelligence reports that expressed concern about the rise of the insurgency and the ability of the United States to bring stability.

The book also alleged that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was warned about Osama bin Laden just months before the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Two earlier Woodward books, "Bush at War" and "Plan of Attack," were widely considered sympathetic to the White House. But Woodward's third book on Bush's conduct of the war on terror alleges that the

president and his team deliberately mislead the public about the on-the-ground reality in Iraq.

On Friday, White House Spokesman Tony Snow dismissed the book as cotton candy, suggesting it was light and just repeated old news and views. Sunday, Bartlett took a decidedly more hostile tone, cautioning, "I'm not going to use the word agenda," but then suggesting just that.

Bartlett, special counselor to the president, complained that Woodward wouldn't listen to what he was being told during interviews with administration officials, noting that "their points weren't getting across."

The White House aide also challenged the veracity of one of the book's most controversial assertions. Woodward reported that former CIA Director George Tenet and Cofer Black, the State Department's former anti-terrorism chief, went to Rice on July 10, 2001, in an unscheduled meeting, with intelligence that showed that bin Laden planned to attack the United States.

At the time, Rice was the president's national security adviser. Woodward reports that she gave the two intelligence leaders a brush-off.

Rice, said Bartlett, "believes this is a grossly misleading characterization of the meeting," adding that such a forceful appeal "in her mind didn't happen."

In recent weeks President Clinton,



The White House attacked investigative journalist Bob Woodward, Washington Post assistant managing editor, of pursuing an agenda in researching his new book "State of Denial."

Special Photo

angered by Republican suggestions that he didn't do enough to thwart bin Laden, accused the Bush administration of doing nothing during eight months in office to prevent the terror attacks on New York and Washington.

Bartlett confirmed Woodward's assertions that former chief of staff Andy Card went to the president after re-election and suggested he replace the unpopular defense secretary,

Donald H. Rumsfeld.

He confirmed more recent news reports that others are urging Bush to fire Rumsfeld. Critics accuse Rumsfeld of using too few troops and bungling the post-war period in Iraq.

"The president has confidence in Don Rumsfeld," said Bartlett, during another Sunday morning interview on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

GEORGIA POLITICS

O'Neal backs Purdue

By Matt Barnwell

McClatchy Newspapers

Larry O'Neal, R-Warner Robins, said there's a reason why Gov. Sonny Perdue did not disclose his role as an organizer of Perdue Plantation LLC, as required by state ethics rules: The governor never knew the company existed.

A Mercer University student has filed an ethics complaint addressing his concerns with Perdue's disclosure decisions, and two metro Atlanta Democrats last week raised questions about the company's purpose.

But O'Neal, a Perdue friend who has served as his personal lawyer

and House floor leader, said after he registered the company with the state in July 2003, he never told the governor about it.

O'Neal said he created the company on his own. He did so just days after registering another company, Maryson LLC, with the state. Maryson, headed by a Warner Robins dentist, sold the governor 100 acres a year later. Maryson has since been dissolved.

O'Neal said he hoped Perdue could use the property, which adjoins the governor's homestead, for something related to caring for foster children, a sheriff's ranch for juveniles or a similar type of nonprofit venture.

REGIONAL NEWS

68 bullets kill suspect

By Gary Taylor and Kelly Griffith

McClatchy Newspapers

Face to face with an armed man suspected of killing a Polk County deputy sheriff, SWAT officers riddled his body with 68 bullets.

Altogether, nine officers fired 110 times Friday at Angilo Freeland, who Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said "executed" one of his deputies.

"That's all the bullets we had, or we would have shot him more,"

Judd said after autopsy results were released Saturday.

The slain deputy, Matt Williams, 39, was shot eight times Thursday when he encountered the killer who had fled into nearby woods after a routine traffic stop.

One bullet was fired at close range behind the deputy's right ear and another was fired near his right temple, with the muzzle of the gun pressing against his skin, the autopsy showed.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

Police blotter

• Fire crews arriving at a burning house on 99 Street in Portland, Ore., on July 26 must have suspected that something was up, because nervous residents of the home were ferrying buckets of water to the fire themselves, having already implored neighbors not to call firefighters. Police later found marijuana plants growing in the basement and took three people into custody.

Hunger

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Union room 2054. Vicki Davis, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County will speak on "A World Without Substandard Housing: Future or Fantasy?" Davis said that the ultimate goal of her speech is to raise awareness about the amount of people living in substandard housing, and how to eliminate the numbers because "everyone deserves the chance to live in decent housing." Free lunch will be provided at the end of the discussion.

On Wednesday night, starting at 7 p.m., a Homelessness Sleepout will take place in the Union Rotunda area. Students are asked to bring their own boxes. The activity will let students experience the feeling

of sleeping without a roof over their heads. The movie "Rent" will be shown at 8 p.m., and will be followed by a discussion on homelessness around the world.

The week ends on Thursday Oct. 5 with another lunch discussion held at 12:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2052. Associate vice president in the Office of Institutional Compliance will speak on "We're Americans! How Can We Be Malnourished?" Free lunch will be served. Later on Thursday afternoon, Habitat for Humanity will hold a workday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For anyone who wants to participate, please contact volunteer services at 912-871-1435. For more information about Hunger and Homelessness Week, please call Volunteer Services at 912-871-1435 or visit their Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/volunteer/>.

Plan B

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effective."

Collins said the effectiveness of Plan B comes from the large amount of Levonorgestrel that it contains. This ingredient is commonly found in many birth control pills in a smaller quantity.

Because of the high dosage of Levonorgestrel, some unpleasant side effects may be experienced.

"Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, headaches and dizziness are some of the most common side effects," said Collins.

Duramed, a branch of Barr Pharmaceuticals, markets Plan B. Through their CARE (convenient access, responsible education) program, they share detailed information with patients and the public.

"We provide consumers and health care providers with education about the appropriate use of Plan B and ensure that distribution is only through licensed drug wholesalers, retailers, pharmacies and clinics with licensed healthcare practitioners."

Plan B must be stocked behind the counter so it cannot be dispensed without prescription or proof of age.

Dr. Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, Acting Commissioner of the FDA, is the man responsible for determining

18 as the appropriate cutoff age to not require a prescription.

"I have concluded that 18 is the more appropriate cutoff point to best promote and protect public health," said Eschenbach.

Since Plan B has gained its FDA approval, there has been speculation that the number of people engaging in sexual activity will increase.

Senior business major Katie Smith disagrees.

"I don't think the number of people having sex will increase because people are going to have sex regardless. People probably still use protection," said Smith. "Besides, the morning after pill doesn't offer a 100 percent guarantee."

As far as cost is concerned, the drug is marketed to be available to anyone in need. "Some insurance policies cover the expense of birth control, including the morning after pill, and some do not," said Collins.

GSU's health center is taking care to keep students safe and informed when using plan B.

"We stress that it should not be used as a birth control, and that's not the purpose of this drug," said Turknott. "Counseling is offered before the medication is administered, and we encourage patients to come back in three weeks to have STD screening since they may not have used protection."

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"What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do."

- John Ruskin

OUR VIEW

Morning After Pill offered on campus with free counseling

AT ISSUE: Although Plan B will be available for students, there will be a required counseling session before distribution

Recent FDA approval of Plan B, an emergency contraceptive known to many as the morning after pill, stirred controversy across the nation when it became available without prescription last week.

The drug will not be available over-the-counter at Georgia Southern until January of 2007, but the Health Center is already taking steps to prevent its misuse.

Actually, the term morning after pill is a bit of a misnomer, because the pill can be taken as an emergency contraceptive up to 72 hours after intercourse. Studies have shown, however, that the

earlier the pill is taken, the more effective it is.

That is why, despite disagreements over its use, GSU has taken positive steps to make sure the pill is available to, and not abused by, students.

Although use of the pill has been questioned by many, it is safe for students to use. More importantly, GSU's health center has taken steps to keep the drug from being abused by students.

Pre-counseling will be a requirement for students, and individuals who repeatedly request the drug will be informed of the risks of not only the emergency contraceptive, but also the unsafe sexual behavior that makes it necessary.

In discussions about emergency contraceptives, it is important to concentrate on what is best for those who have made decisions that can affect the rest of their lives, while denying religious and political zealots the opportunity to interrupt doctor-to-patient relationships.

GSU's health center understands this, and has made important steps to protect the health of its patients. After consulting with other Georgia universities, GSU decided not to limit use of the drug. They will be actively encouraging counseling and STD testing.

For students who repeatedly request the drug,

counseling will become more intense and other options will be emphasized, like using readily available contraceptives.

The morning-after pill has served the most vulnerable individuals since the mid 1970s. Rape victims, couples whose condoms have broken and women who have been taken advantage of in intoxicated states are prevalent amongst those who request emergency contraception.

Although the drug has negative connotations to some, GSU is keeping Plan B from being misused by students while preventing unwanted pregnancies and keeping students safe and informed.

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Detainee bill is by no means just

"The United States is committed to worldwide elimination of torture, and we are leading this fight by example. Freedom from torture is an inalienable human right." George W. Bush said this in a speech in 2003. Unfortunately, anyone who has been keeping up with the news and the new detainee bill understands that Mr. President isn't staying true to his words.

The new bill is designed to help clarify interrogation techniques the CIA may use on suspected terrorists. As Mitch said in his column "Interrogations not bad for Americans" last week, there is a bunch of "hoopla surrounding this debate." Mitch gave examples of some of the interrogation techniques, including "water boarding, which makes those who are involved believe they are going to drown, and placing naked suspects in freezing cold rooms while The Red Hot Chili Peppers is playing loudly." While some people may agree with this type of behavior, I can't understand how this is helping us "lead by example," as Bush so proudly proclaimed three years ago.



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The bill also allows the president the power to decide who is an enemy combatant. It allows the torture of people with absolutely no proof that they are our enemies. I am willing to bet the bank that the administration won't use the new power with much care, as it has already proven itself unworthy countless times in the past.

Another part of the "hoopla" is the provision that will pardon Bush and all the members of his administration of any possible crimes connected with the torture and mistreatment of any detainees, dating back to September 11, 2001. Jack Cafferty of CNN's "The Cafferty File" said it best, "At least president Nixon had Gerald Ford do his dirty work. President Bush is trying to pardon himself."

Under the war crimes act, violations of the Geneva Convention are felonies, and in some cases are punishable by death. "When the Supreme Court ruled the Geneva Convention applies to Al Qaeda and Taliban detainees, President Bush and his boys were suddenly in big trouble. They had been working these prisoners over pretty good," said Cafferty.

So, yes Mitch, America should have to abide by the Geneva Convention. Trying to eliminate criminals through illegal means is hypocritical, and nothing short of ridiculous. The argument "America should take the moral high ground" should also stand. Isn't that one of the reasons we're still in Iraq? To do the "right thing" and "help" Iraqis live more like us? This administration is constantly pushing a morality standpoint, providing updates on how progressive and Americanized Iraq is becoming with the help of our military.

To think we are able to pick and choose when and where we take the moral high ground is, again, nothing short of ridiculous. As Molly Ivins from AlterNet put it, "I'd like those supporting this evil bill to spare me one affliction: Do not, please, pretend to be shocked by the consequences of this legislation. And do not pretend to be shocked when the world begins comparing us to the Nazis."

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Reader responses

The U.S. should keep moral standards high

I was saddened and disturbed by the comments of Mr. Jones in his recent column regarding interrogations. Allow me to respond to a few specific quotes.

"The fact of the matter is that terrorists do not abide by the Geneva Convention and neither should we when dealing with them." There's no denying the fact terrorists don't abide by rules of the Geneva Convention, but does that make it right for us to not abide by them? Does that mean others are entitled to disregard these rules with our soldiers? Faulty logic aside, the use of torture and denial of habeas corpus is morally wrong, and attempts to justify it are terribly misguided.

"The majority of the world has always hated America, and they always

will." This is simply not true. For years, America garnered the respect of many around the globe. Much of the hatred out there now has little to do with our freedoms, as some often claim. But rather, with our disproportionate consumption of resources, and more importantly, our foreign policies, which, if scrutinized carefully, reveal numerous hypocrisies and just cause for criticism. In refusing to honestly consider or acknowledge legitimate reasons for some of this hatred, we do ourselves, and the rest of the world, a grave disservice.

"We should not care what the rest of the world thinks about us because that is a battle that we will never win despite what liberals might say." What does it say about

us as a nation if we are so arrogant we think it does not matter what the rest of the world thinks of us? With an attitude like that, we will indeed never win this battle. John Dean, an established conservative and former White House legal counsel to President Nixon, examines the need for conservatives to reflect upon directions taken by the country in his book "Conservatives Without Conscience."

Shall we let fear of another attack cause us to completely disregard the erosion of moral and democratic values long held sacred by Americans? We bring everyone down by refusing to uphold humanitarian standards of fairness and decency.

GSU professor Dr. Tom Pearsall

America does not have to be globally hated

In Mitch Jones' extraordinary opinion piece defending the United States' use of torture (whether he chooses to call it that or not), he said that we need not worry that the use of physical coercion will turn world opinion against the U.S.

After all, he asserts, "Here's a news flash, the majority of the world already hates America... The majority of the world has always hated 'America', and they always will. It does not matter what American policies are; we will never be viewed favorably by the rest of the world."

The U.S., like any powerful nation in history, has attracted criticism and even condemnation for its actions. But,

far more, it has attracted enormous admiration across the globe, throughout its history. From the Declaration of Independence's proclamation of "self-evident truths" (which were far from self-evident in the decidedly undemocratic eighteenth century), to the enormous contributions of the American people in defeating fascism and restoring postwar Europe in the 20th century, to the dignified national response in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, the American people have drawn the admiration and affection of millions of people worldwide.

Perhaps if Mr. Jones traveled outside the United States occasionally, he would

learn that anti-Americanism is not an innate and inevitably violent condition elsewhere, but often is a response to current government policy, grounded in genuine dismay and disappointment. When even the people of our historically the United Kingdom, my native country, are alarmed and appalled by the policies to which their prime minister has aligned them, perhaps it is time to take stock. Or perhaps, since I may be considered a member of the undifferentiated mass of foreigners in which Mr. Jones apparently believes, my suggestion is not worthy of consideration.

GSU professor Dr. Annette Laing

History shows terrorism is not due to U.S. in Iraq

I am a non-traditional student here at GSU. The flap over a leaked document concerning the National Intelligence Estimate (NEI) in last week's "Our View" is simply ridiculous. The real issue here is the blatant disregard of history by those who bury their heads in the sand every time a Muslim fascist shoots his AK-47 rifle in the air. Let us take a stroll down "History Boulevard," and allow me to explain some

facts to your young audience and see if it can clear up some foggy ideas:

- 1979 - Iran, Embassy hostages held for 444 days.
- 1983 - Beirut, Lebanon; marine barracks, 243 marines killed
- 1988 - Pan-Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, 112 Americans killed.
- 1993 - First World Trade Center attack
- 1998 - US Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya

- 2000 - The USS Cole Warship, Eagle football player Charrod Taylor was on board when 37 soldiers died.

All of these instances have one fact in common. We were not in Iraq yet. Simply put, Islamic jihadists have been killing us Americans and others long before we ever set foot in Iraq.

GSU freshman Andrew Cleghorn

Eric Swanson HERE AND THERE

Negative language only gets us so far

"What's up dude?" "Not much, just chillin' at the place, man." How many times do we hear these phrases? We've all been pre-programmed to our culture since birth. It almost seems as though we accept anything someone says, because it seems right for people to say these days. It's even brought to my attention that not many people care for the way they speak to others these days either. Some statements that were once taken offensively are now taken as



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positive comments. Many times at a party I could hear people saying, "This f***ing s%*\$ is f***ing stupid crazy!" Meaning the party was fun. Is there really a point to meaningless aggressive words? Using the same words every day isn't a positive influence on anyone's life, or development of knowledge. There is no sophistication in our language any longer. I asked ten random people on campus if they knew what four score and seven years meant, and only one person could tell me that it meant 87 years. Other answers included, "Didn't Lincoln say that when the civil war was over," and "seven years after a big war?"

That is a simple example of how our culture is losing words and phrases originally held as a part of the English language. Our communication has gone from positive articulation and understanding to an almost negative sarcastic approach to all that is social or personal. A man or woman who is viewed as witty in their public speaking is admired. It can be seen in our most popular television shows, the types of comedy we like, our movies and even some of our books. Why are shows like Family Guy, comedians like Dane Cook and Dave Chappelle, movies like Jackass and books like 'The State of Fear' by Michael Crichton and 'Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed' by Jared Diamond all so popular in their negative views on society? It reminds me of ancient Rome before it fell harshly to tyrannical leaders such as Caligula, and the negative satires that were prevalent in their literature. A respected author named Juvenal, whom was from this time (about 110-127 C.E.), wrote "Against the City of Rome" which said, "Poverty's greatest curse, much worse than the fact of it, is that/ It makes men objects of mirth, ridiculed, humbled, embarrassed./ 'Out of the front-row seats!' they cry when you're out of money."

How often do we hear protests and negative statements of this caliber, be it comedy or drama? It is almost a repetition of the fall of Rome, and we pass each day with our noses in the air, continuing this very culture. Even in this column, my opinions take a negative shape and corrupt the very heart of all of our language and culture. If we continue to hate our society, what would be the point of it functioning any longer? Such is the same as our culture and many people's hatred towards their own society's decisions. My advice is to start with becoming more positive about our future and our lives, and instead of bashing everything we can, it would help to find the things that make us all better as a society.

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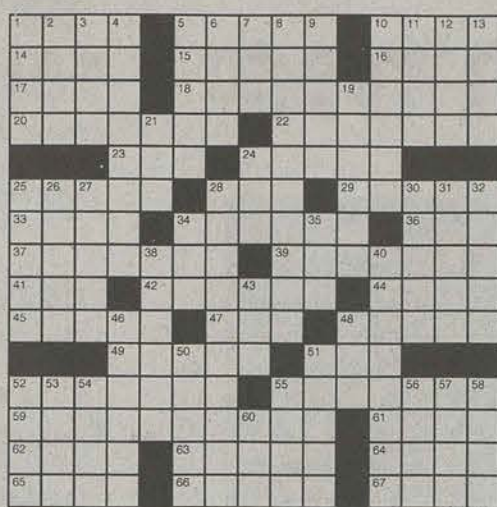
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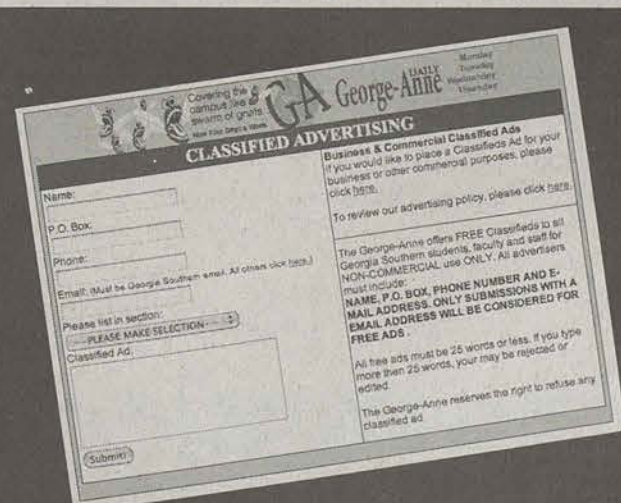
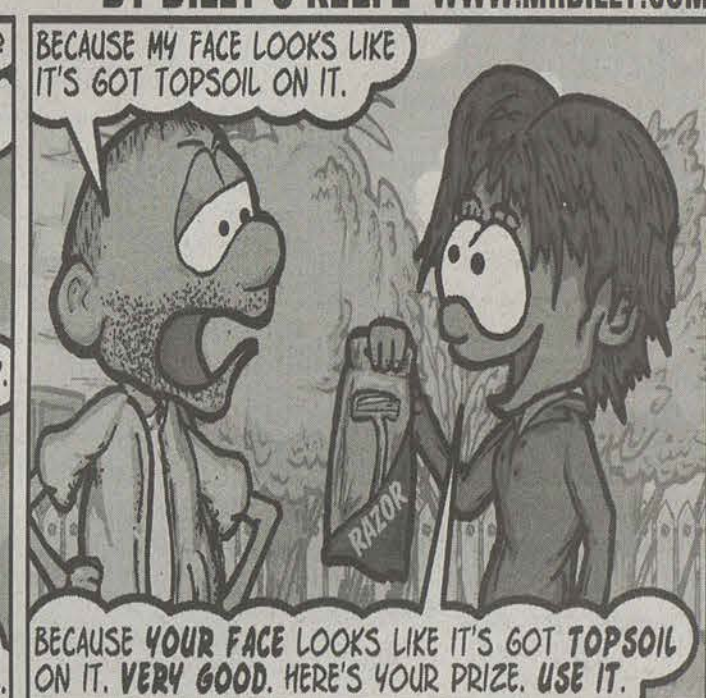
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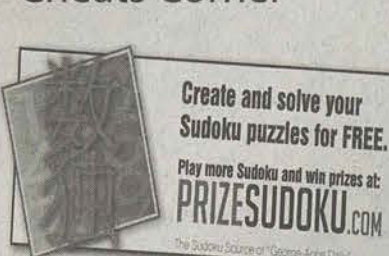


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SPORTS

Tiger Woods wins a sixth straight PGA tour event

Tiger Woods' final round score of -23 secured a victory at the American Express Championship, making it his sixth straight win and the first player to win at least eight events in three seasons.

His streak started back in July when he won his twelfth major at the British Open and since then, has extended his win total on the PGA Tour to 50.

Legendary golfer Byron Nelson, who passed away last week, owns the record for most consecutive PGA Tour events won with eleven.



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Volleyball falls to WCU, Chattanooga

By Luke Parks

Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles fell to the Chattanooga Mocs 3-1, Saturday at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles fell to 2-2 in Southern Conference play, and 8-4 overall.

The Mocs improved to 4-1 in conference play, and 6-9 overall. The Eagles dropped the first two games, giving up 35 kills. GSU won the third game and recorded three team blocks.

Jennifer Charles, Bailey Coleman and Christy Dowd each had three kills for GSU. Charles also had two block assists in the game, and finished the game with five total.

The fourth game was barely won by Chattanooga, 38-36. The Eagles had two players record a double-double in kills and digs. Dowd led the team with 19 kills and 18 digs, while Coleman recorded 11 kills and 20 digs. Gorana Basic also recorded 16 kills.

The Eagles continued the home-stand Sunday with Western Carolina. The Catamounts came into Hanner Fieldhouse Sunday afternoon 0-4 in conference play. Despite their record, the Catamounts took the Eagles to the limit, defeating them 3-2.

The Catamounts improved to 1-4 in the Southern Conference and 5-16 overall. The Eagles dropped to 2-3 in conference play and 8-5 overall. Head Volleyball Coach Nicole McCray said her team played tough.

"This is a tough loss for us because we fought hard last night and today and we came up short on both occasions," said Coach McCray.

The Eagles were led to victory in game one by Charles, who recorded five kills and two block assists. The Catamounts took games two and three due to errors by GSU.

The Eagles bounced back and took game four, thanks to six kills by Dowd. The Eagles, however, came up short in the deciding game five, 16-14.

Eagle volleyball returns to action for the third of their four-match home stand, Saturday at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse against the UNC Greensboro Spartans.

Eagles earn first SoCon win

Georgia Southern 24
Western Carolina 14

Scoring Summary

First

GSU- Darius Smiley, 65-yard pass from Travis Clark (Bo Galvin PAT blocked)

T.O.P.: 0:28 GSU 6 WCU 0

GSU- Chris Covington, 1-yard run (Travis Clark rush, 2-pt. conversion successful)

T.O.P.: 5:11 GSU 14 WCU 0

Second

GSU- Patrick Bolen, 33-yard field goal

T.O.P.: 2:20 GSU 17 WCU 0

Fourth

GSU- Chris Covington, 33-yard run (Patrick Bolen PAT good)

T.O.P.: 5:24 GSU 24 WCU 0

WCU- Michael Hines, 5-yard pass from Todd Spitzer (Todd Spitzer pass failed, 2-pt. conversion no good)

T.O.P.: 4:30 GSU 24 WCU 6

WCU- Michael Hines, 23-yard pass from Todd Spitzer (Mike Malone rush, 2-pt. conversion successful)

T.O.P.: 2:22 GSU 24 WCU 14



Running back Lamar Lewis' 97 rushing yards helped the Eagles earn their first conference win of the season.

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Georgia Southern defeated the No. 24 Catamounts on Saturday night

By Will Adams

Sports editor

Georgia Southern quarterback Travis Clark connected with wide receiver Darius Smiley on a 68-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage and never looked back.

The Eagles (2-2, 1-1) held off a late fourth quarter comeback and defeated the Catamounts (2-2, 0-2) 24-14 Saturday night, in front of 10,483 fans at E.J. Whitmire Stadium in Cullowhee, NC.

The kicking woes continued as the point after attempt was blocked on the initial scoring drive, but running back Chris Covington's score from 1-yard out during the second drive forced Travis Clark to use his legs and scramble around to convert the two-point try, extending the lead to 14-0.

Chris Covington's 33-yard score helped seal the game in the fourth quarter, while he and backfield

teammate Lamar Lewis' led the Eagles rushing attack with a combined 208 yards on the ground.

"It's a great win, it's great because it's on the road, but we've got to get better," said Head Coach Brian VanGorder.

The Eagles defense showed significant signs of improvement, recording three interceptions off Catamounts quarterback Bennett Swygert, who was benched after getting sacked by senior linebacker John Mohring for junior backup Todd Spitzer.

Spitzer had two touchdown passes to Catamount receiver Michael Hines, cutting the lead to only ten points with only 3:21 left in the game.

"They played a good, solid game up until the fourth quarter, but we've got to continue to grow and get better on that side of the ball," VanGorder said.

The offense continued growth and development under Travis Clark as he passed for 195 yards and a

touchdown, helping the Eagles sustain scoring drives and win the time-of-possession battle.

"We're moving the football and we're doing a good job of mixing things up, but still, we've got to be productive when we have the opportunities," VanGorder said.

Aside from the blocked extra point in the first quarter, the kicking game seemed to improve as Patrick Bolen connected on a 33-yard field goal attempt, extending the Eagles lead to 17-0 just before the half.

"We actually made a field goal tonight and that's probably the biggest improvement that we had," said VanGorder.

GSU returns home to take on the 11-ranked North Dakota State Buffalos, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

GSU News Service contributed to this story.

This week in SPORTS Thursday

Men's soccer at The Citadel, 6 p.m.

Women's soccer vs. College of Charleston, 4 p.m.

Friday

Men's Tennis at Georgia Tech Invitational TBA

Saturday

Football vs. North Dakota State, 1 p.m.

SOCON RECAP

Elon 21 at App. State 45

Game Recap: The Mountaineers stretched their winning streak to four games as they scored 31 first half points en route to a dominating performance over the Elon Phoenix.

Furman 35 at Wofford 21

Game Recap: Furman secured their fourth win and second in the SoCon when they scored 28 first half points against the Wofford Terriers.

Chattanooga 21 at Citadel 24

Game Recap: The Citadel Bulldogs earned their first victory of the season, but almost let the win get away as the Mocs scored 14 fourth quarter points.

DIVISION I-A WEEKEND RECAP

Ohio State 38 at Iowa 17

Game Recap: Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith tossed four TD's in a convincing win over the 13-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes on the road.

Ga. Tech 38 at Va. Tech 27

Game Recap: The ninth-ranked Hokies were upset in Blacksburg as Georgia Tech's offense exploded, scoring 21 first quarter points.

Alabama 13 at Florida 28

Game Recap: A defensive battle most of the game, Florida's Chris Leak led a scoring drive in the fourth quarter to seal the victory in Gainesville.

NFL SUNDAY RECAP

Cardinals 10 at Falcons 32

Game Recap: The Falcons defense came up big in a win over the Cardinals with DeAngelo Hall returning an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Women's soccer edges out Chattanooga with late goal



(Left) Eagle sophomore midfielder Audrey Brown battles for possession with Davidson's Suzanne Sittko in this file photo.

Goals by period

	1	2	Total
Georgia Southern	1	0	1
Chattanooga	0	0	0

What's next for the Eagles:

vs. College of Charleston, Thursday, 4 p.m.

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Georgia Southern sophomore Ashley Toussaint scored with 10 minutes left in the first half and the Eagles held on in the final moments to post a 1-0 victory at Chattanooga Sunday afternoon.

Toussaint, who missed six straight matches due to injury, tallied her third goal in her last two outings as GSU improved to 2-1 in the Southern Conference for the second straight season.

Toussaint's goal came courtesy of a pass from sophomore Susanne Rogers.

"We came out and played well in the first half and created some good chances," said GSU Head Coach Ashley Hant. "Ashley finished on a great pass from Susanne."

Senior Melyna Valdez got off five shots, three on goal, for the Lady Mocs, but failed to find the back of the net. Sophomore striker Nikki Brannen got off three shots for Chattanooga and senior Tessa Drumsta hit a header off a corner kick that was saved by GSU keeper Lauren Santos late in the second half.

Toussaint took a cross from Rogers on the right side of the box and knocked a shot into the upper

right corner of the box out of reach of Chattanooga keeper Stacey Matthiessen for the lone score of the day.

Toussaint had two shots for the Eagles, as did junior Katie Gosnell and sophomore Holli Finneren.

"Our four defenders and keeper did a great job to keep us in the game, especially in the last 15 minutes," Hart said.

"This is a good start to the conference season and it was a great effort by our team."

The Eagles (4-6-1, 2-1-0 SoCon) will host the College of Charleston Thursday in Statesboro at 4 p.m.

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