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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006

## 'Alcohol awareness' events planned for week

### Activities this week dedicated to raising alcohol awareness

By Patrick Sauers  
Staff writer

Today, if you happen to walk past the rotunda, you will probably see fellow students, as well as some faculty and staff, all being arrested, charged with DUIs and then thrown in jail.

It will be the students' (your) job to raise money for bail.

This "Jail n' Bail" is just one of the many activities that will be on campus this week to promote National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which is being sponsored by the Office of Health Education and Promotion and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

La'Shanda Johnson, the interim assistant director of health education and promotion, is very excited about the entire week.

"We have been planning since the summer and started preparing in August," said Johnson. "This is the first time it has been an entire week of planned activities."

The "Jail n' Bail" will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda.

All proceeds will contribute to the Health Education Foundation.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department will be in the Russell Union visitor parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a drunk driving simulation.

"We expect a lot of students throughout the week but especially at this event because they love to do the simulated drive," said Christopher Pugh, graduate assistant of health education and promotion.

There will activities besides the driving experience that students can partake in while wearing blood alcohol content goggles.

Volunteers with ShuttleGUS will be at the event to answer questions about the safe rides program for students who have yet to take advantage of this service.

"Mocktails" will be served that evening at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The event is sponsored by the Health Education Peer Educators and Homecoming Steering Committee.

Much of this is able to happen thanks to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

"We provide funds and grants which allow us to sponsor these programs," said Jim Shuler, the public affairs officer.

You may see a lot more the GOHS has to offer than you think.

"We have also chosen Georgia Southern, along with the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, to spend money advertising at football games for people to choose designated drivers before and after the game," said Shuler.

The week is mainly to help students become aware of the dangers that come with alcohol and partying.

"We expect and hope that students will learn a lot about the subject which people tend to overlook," said Pugh.

As the week goes by, be sure to check out the activities which will be on campus. You may learn something that could save a life someday.

## Heartbreak in a bottle

A personal essay by Clair Webb  
Staff writer

Growing up, most of us fight with our brothers and sisters, especially younger siblings, over who gets to sit in the front seat, who gets the remote control or even who Mom and Dad favor. We've probably all said at one time or another, "If you tell Mom or Dad on me, you're dead!" or "If you stain my sweater, I'm going to kill you!" — but we never actually expect they'll die.

I certainly never expected my baby brother, so full of life and mischief, to die at 17. Some of you may have experienced the devastating loss of a loved one, but for those of you fortunate enough not to know what it is like, I can only describe the experience as feeling similar to getting my heart ripped out and punched in the stomach at the same time as the words "Reid is dead" sunk in. I thought to myself, "Grandparents die, even pets die, but my little brother isn't supposed to die. He still has so much life to live."

Having been born a month pre-mature, he was



Special Photo

Reid Webb lost his life to drinking and driving at age 17.

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Gail Woynar/MCT

## Candidates to go head-to-head

### Barrow and Burns to participate in live debate tonight

By Rachel McDaniel  
Executive editor

With less than a month until the November elections, it is time to find out about the candidates you will support, and there is no better way than to hear them in person. Tonight at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Ogeechee Technical Institute, Representative John Barrow and former Representative Max Burns will participate in a live debate.

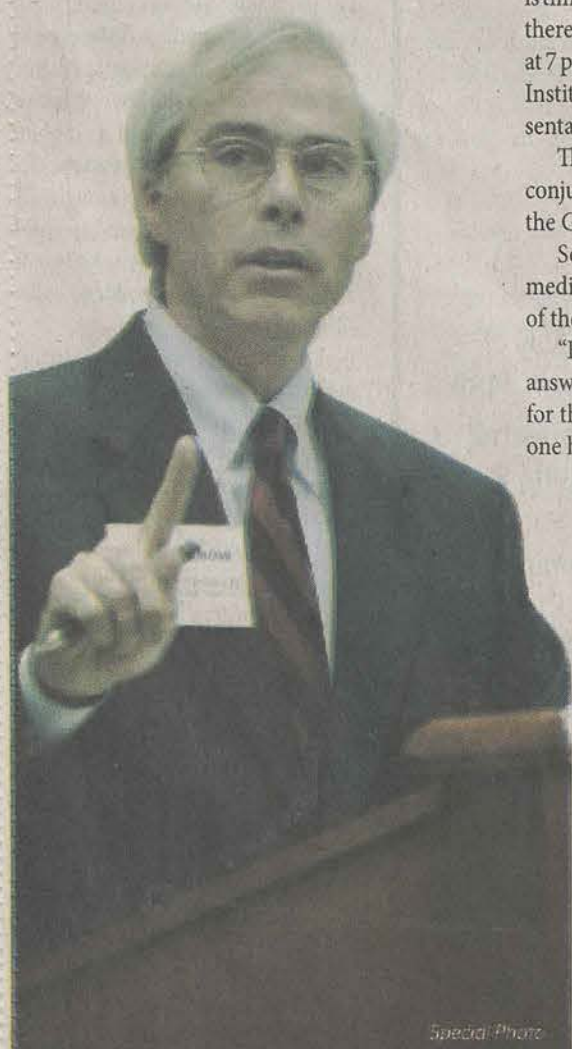
The Bulloch County Chamber is sponsoring the forum in conjunction with the Bulloch County Extension service and the Georgia Southern department of political science.

Sonny Dixon from WTOG in Savannah will be the mediator during the debate, said Joseph Lanier, member of the Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce.

"Each candidate will have one and a half minutes to answer the question, and there will be a 30 second rebuttal for the other candidate," said Lanier. "The debate will last one hour, and everyone is invited."

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Read more about Georgia candidates and campaigns on page 7.



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## Homecoming '06

### This year's pirate-themed homecoming week kicks off

By Joshua Davis  
Staff writer

Georgia Southern University sets sail for a week of fun and adventure fit for buccaneers and "landlubbers" alike during Homecoming 2006.

Running from Oct. 15 to Oct. 21, this year's program includes a number of activities that promise to keep the homecoming spirit on full tilt all week.

This year's theme is "Eagles of the Caribbean: Shipwrecked at Southern," a Georgia Southern spin on one of this summer's blockbuster hits "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

Campus-wide, students are

preparing for what could be one of GSU's biggest homecoming turnouts to date.

The schedule this year incorporates GSU's entire campus, from mud volleyball at the RAC Pavilion on Oct. 15 to Sweetheart Circle's annual parade and "Captain's Cookout" afterwards on Oct. 20.

This year's events will lead up to some exciting GSU football on Saturday the 21st (be sure to wear your blues for "Blue Out" at Paulson Stadium) as well as the announcement of Homecoming 2006's King and Queen.

Bill Pickett, director of student activities, is hoping for more student

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# Home

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participation in the votes for this year's King and Queen.

"Last year, we had 5,180 students vote," Pickett said. "This [year had] the highest number ever and we have a goal of 8,500 students, so it's at least 50% of the student body."

Online voting on WINGS will begin on Oct. 16 and will remain up until Oct. 18. Pickett also noted that this year's events have been record-breaking, with more participation than ever in the signing up for Doo-

Dah/Step, "Sculpt-It for the Hungry" and "Krazy Cars."

All over campus, students are gearing up for their homecoming week as well. Anthony Rogers, an RA in GSU's Southern Pines, has some high expectations for this week's festivities.

"This year's homecoming is the most exciting I've experienced since I've been at Southern," Rogers said. "The atmosphere is awesome and I think the school is prepped and ready for a great week and an even better game on Saturday."

Homecoming will end at 7 p.m. on Saturday with an entertaining

showcase from The American Series entitled "Singer Songwriter" at The Emma Kelly Theatre in downtown Statesboro.

Make sure you plan out your homecoming week by visiting the official Homecoming 2006 schedule at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/hc2006/schedule.htm>.

Volunteers willing to contribute their help for the homecoming parade and cookout can sign up here at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/sac/hc2006/vol.htm>.

Right: Students show their Eagle pride at a GSU football game.



Special Photo

# Alcohol

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in and out of the hospital the first two years of his life. He fought so hard to live, how could his life be cut so short? I mean, he was supposed to go to college and have the time of his life.

He was so brilliant. He had the world in his pocket. He could have been a doctor, veterinarian or even a famous chef. Not to mention, he was a ladies man. Reid was supposed to get married and have children that grew up with mine. How could this happen?

For teens in a small rural town, there is little to do for entertainment. So like some young people, Reid liked to "ride dirt roads and drink Natty Light." He had gone to a local festival and drank a few beers. Even though he had been drinking, he thought he was perfectly fine to drive home. He even dropped a friend off in town as he made his way home to meet his curfew. However, shortly after he dropped the girl off, as he was speeding around a bad curve and dialing a text message, he ran off the road and hit a tree.

The impact crushed his internal organs and he died instantly. If that sounds cold and harsh, it was meant to. That is exactly what happened. Now my baby brother is dead.

My baby brother is dead, and he is never coming back. His death has left me with many questions to face, but there is one thing I know for certain: if he had not been drinking, driving and dialing, he might still be alive. Now don't get me wrong, Reid was not a bad kid — he was a great kid.

I just want to bring awareness to the fact that bad choices ended his life. These choices shattered more than just his body. They have shattered and devastated all the lives of those who loved him so dearly.

Having to help pick out a casket and a final set of clothes for Reid to be buried in was an excruciating experience for me. But far worse is watching my parents deal with the unimaginable pain of losing a child.

We all get caught up in the moment and just want to have a good time. In fact, you might not think it is that big of a deal to drink and drive or even to get booked for driving under the influence.

Honestly, I can assure you, if you could hear the sound of his mother's mournful wails for her baby, you would think twice before you got behind the wheel.

My family is trying to make the best of a tragic situation by distributing cards with Reid's picture that include "Road Rules for Reid," which lists important points such as: "don't drink and drive," "wear your seatbelt" and "put away your cell phone."

The cards are distributed with the hope that young adults will look at the cards, think about how if it happened to Reid, it could happen to them, and therefore be more careful when they are driving.

Katie Lumpkin, a senior communications major at Kennesaw, also went through the catastrophic loss of losing her younger brother to underage drinking. He was also 17. She has decided to make a difference by campaigning against underage drinking with her Web site [www.thinkbeforeyoudrink.org](http://www.thinkbeforeyoudrink.org) as well as making underage drinking her platform for the Miss Georgia competition. In addition, Katie travels around to speak to schools and educate students with a video that she has produced called "Think again."

I know that some of you are probably thinking that the deaths of high school students from drinking incidents, however sad they may be, do not really have a place in a college newspaper. However, it does warrant your attention because he was a rising senior that had wanted to either attend Georgia Southern or the University of Georgia. Unfortunately, now he will never get the chance to do so.

We all know that underage drinking is a huge problem on our campus and that the lifestyle of a typical college student revolves around drinking and partying.

My brother Reid just wanted to have fun, just like everyone else. If you look at his last profile picture on Facebook of him smiling, holding a beer in his hand, you will see that he had no idea that drinking was going to play a role in ending his life.

Please don't let it end yours.

## Homecoming Queen Candidates



**KYLA CLARK**  
Stone Mountain, Ga.  
Senior, Sport Management  
Alpha Phi Alpha



**AMBER WILSON**  
Calhoun, Ga.  
Junior, Public Relations  
Student Athletic Advisory Board



**URIAN BOOZE**  
Stone Mountain, Ga.  
Senior, Graphic Design  
Black Student Alliance



**ASHLEE PERRY**  
Cordele, Ga.  
Junior, Middle Grades Education  
National Residence Hall Honorary



**ANGELA BYRD**  
Metter, Ga.  
Senior, Broadcasting  
Eagle Entertainment



**HEATHER HOLLAND**  
Calhoun, GA  
Senior, Special Education  
Alpha Omicron Pi



**LINDSEY SMITH**  
Alpharetta, Ga.  
Junior, Hotel & Restaurant Mgmt  
Zeta Tau Alpha



**RACHEL HEADLEE**  
Kennesaw, Ga.  
Senior, Marketing  
Phi Mu



**BROOKE EVANS**  
Macon, Ga.  
Senior, Early Childhood Education  
Alpha Delta Pi



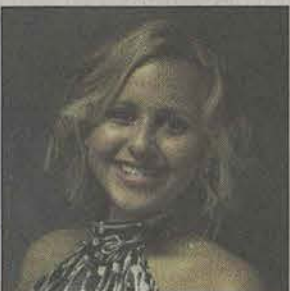
**CALLIE PREAST**  
Kennesaw, GA  
Senior, Chemistry (Pre-Med)  
Wesley Foundation



**ASHELY HARRISON**  
Macon, Ga.  
Senior, Psychology  
Kappa Delta Sorority



**HEIDI HAMMACK**  
Claxton, Ga.  
Senior, English Education  
Baptist Collegiate Ministries



**PAMELA RIVERA**  
Lawrenceville, Ga.  
Senior, Biology (Pre-Med)  
Multicultural Center



**STACEY KING**  
Portal, Ga.  
Junior, Health & Physical Edu.  
Minority Advisement Program



**BETH FEAGAIN**  
Americus, Ga.  
Senior, Business Management  
SOAR



**LAURA DELHOMME**  
Duluth, GA  
Senior, Computer Science  
Eagle Motorsports

VOTE on WINGS Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 16-18

## Homecoming King Candidates



**JERED MARTINEZ**  
St. Simons Island, Ga.  
Senior, Math Education  
Alpha Tau Omega



**NICK PHILLIPS**  
Roswell, Ga.  
Sophomore, Justice Studies  
Residence Hall Association



**BISCUIT BOOM**  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Junior, Political Science  
NAACP



**STEPHEN WATKINS**  
Claxton, Ga.  
Senior, Kinesiology  
Tau Sigma Honor Society



**MITCH FENDER**  
Fernandina Beach, Fl.  
Sophomore, Public Relations  
Delta Chi



**ROBERT WINGTON**  
Marietta, Ga.  
Senior, Public Relations  
Baptist Collegiate Ministries



**J.D. HUNT**  
Columbus, Ga.  
Senior, Finance  
Kappa Sigma



**PAUL FREGOSI**  
Alpharetta, Ga.  
Junior, Criminal Justice  
Tau Kappa Epsilon



**BRANDON R. JONES**  
Elberton, GA  
Senior, Information Technology  
Alpha Phi Alpha

**Sunday, October 15th**  
Mud Volleyball  
RAC Pavilion  
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Movie ~ The Goonies  
Russell Union Theatre  
8:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 16th**  
Shirts of the Seven Seas  
Russell Union Rotunda  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
GSU Idol  
Russell Union Ballroom  
7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 17th**  
Island Fantasy  
Russell Union Rotunda  
11am-1pm

For complete Homecoming 2006 details, changes, and additions you can view the official website at [www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com](http://www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com)

## Eagles of the Caribbean Shipwrecked at Southern Homecoming Week Events

Doo-Dah/Step Show  
Hanner Fieldhouse, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 18th**  
Sculpt It for The Hungry  
Russell Union Rotunda  
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Plunderin' for Pirates' Booty  
Russell Union Ballroom  
7pm-10pm

**Thursday, October 19th**  
Lazy Lagoon  
Russell Union Rotunda  
11am-1pm

Capturing the Royal Court  
Homecoming Social  
Russell Union Ballroom  
7:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 20th**  
Homecoming Parade  
Paulson Stadium  
4pm  
Captain's Cookout &  
GSU Homecoming Party  
Sweetheart Circle &  
Brannen/Sanford Pedestrium  
5:30pm

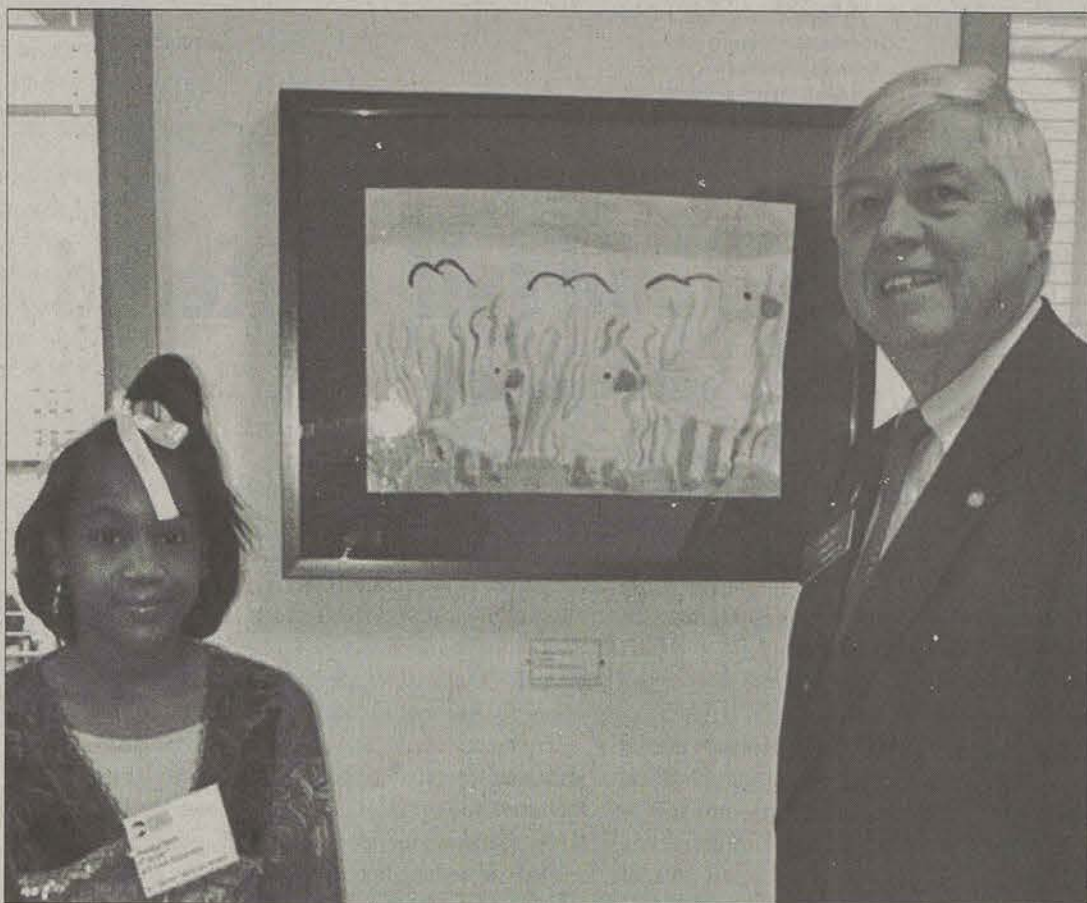
Shipwrecked Fireworks Display  
J.I. Clements Baseball Stadium, 9pm  
Movie ~ Pirates of the Caribbean 2  
J.I. Clements Baseball Stadium, 9:15 pm

**Saturday, October 21st**  
Georgia Southern Homecoming  
Football Game  
The Crowning of the King & Queen  
Paulson Stadium, 12:00 p.m.

**Win a FREE Cruise!**  
When you attend a Homecoming 2006 event, fill out a ticket for a chance to hit it big! Yes, one lucky Georgia Southern student will win a free Caribbean Cruise (\$500.00 package). The more events you attend, the better your chances will be of sailin' the seas on a FREE cruise!!



# Children gather for 'Extravaganza'



Special photo

Mill Creek Elementary student Shaniqua Wells poses by her artwork with Sen. Jack Hill. Wells made her artwork out of toilet paper that was painted. She was one of 29 students selected by their art teachers for their work to be displayed in the College of Education building for a year. Different students are chosen each year.

By Jenny Miller  
News editor

On Sunday afternoon, the "Southern's Art Extravaganza" (SAE) was held in the College of Education building on the Georgia Southern campus.

GSU's College of Education Alumni Advisory Committee sponsors the program. The actual process for the Art Extravaganza begins in the spring, but by August and September, certified art teachers in GSU's service region are asked to submit up to two pieces of student artwork.

Any student enrolled in an art class from Pre-K to twelfth grade is able to participate. The artwork has to be a 2-D work. The deadline for entry was Oct. 1.

According to Beverly Frazier, assistant to the dean at the COE, this is not the first year of the event.

"The first exhibit began on Sunday, October 10, 2004. Ten schools participated in the first year - 20 pieces of artwork," she said. The annual event has been hard work for all involved and a labor of love from those who were there from the creation of the SAE.

In fall 2003, members of the Alumni Advisory Board suggested that the COE organize an exhibit to display the artistic

talents of public school students.

Another committee was formed to further develop the idea, which was spearheaded by Victoria Zwald, who passed away in Jan. 2004. Frazier said that many of the art teachers in the area are GSU alumni. This makes the event especially distinctive for the committee. The pieces that are chosen are on display for one year, then returned to the student artists.

Present at the Art Extravaganza Sunday was Dean of the College of the Education Cindy Chance.

"The primary purpose of starting the SAE was to send the message that an educated adult possesses not only knowledge skills in content areas, but a love and appreciation for the arts," she said.

Also present at the event was Senator Jack Hill, a long time supporter of the arts in education. "Both my daughters have shown what a difference arts make in the life of a child," said Hill.

The ceremony honored children in schools ranging from Sallie Zetterower Elementary to Richmond Hill Primary.

Also announced at the ceremony was the Victoria Zwald Scholarship, the first COE fully endowed scholarship that will be given to any education major.

## CALENDAR

### Monday, October 16

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Health Services: Jail 'n Bail  
Russell Union Rotunda

5 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
ODK general meeting  
Russell Union 2047

5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Leconte Scholar Lecture  
Biology Lecture Room

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

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Timeshop meeting  
Russell Union 2048

7 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
GSU Idol  
Russell Union Ballroom

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Doo Dah meeting  
Russell Union 2048

### Tuesday, October 17

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Architecture of the Lourve  
Nessmith Lane 1909

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

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

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity  
Russell Union 2041

## Chemistry department finds national prominence

By Lyndell Nelson  
Staff writer

Georgia Southern has been recognized by the American Chemical Society (ACS) for the third time in the past four years.

To determine the annual rankings, the ACS surveys colleges and universities that offer certified bachelor's degree programs.

In the last survey, during the 2004-2005 academic year, GSU was tied for the number 19 position.

The ACS is comprised of 158,000 members who assess over 625 colleges and universities.

According to chemistry professor Dr. Todd Deal, the chemistry department began to improve with the addition of Dr. Bill Ponder to the staff.

"1990 is when the chemistry program began to grow, just as the university did. Dr. Bill Ponder (then-head of the chemistry department) had a goal of hiring good, qualified chemistry teachers and incorporating active research programs.

"What attracts students to GSU's chemistry program is the opportunity to do undergraduate scientific

research projects."

Head of the chemistry department and professor Dr. Mary Boyd agrees.

"We have excellent professors," she said. "35-45 students each semester participate in research programs with faculty members. Our professors are committed to undergraduate work."

Junior chemical engineering major Zac Gardner can vouch for the level of commitment given by GSU professors.

"I think the chemistry program is amazing at GSU because they focus so much on the individual student and they are so involved with research. I would feel very confident knowing I could definitely get a job right out of college graduating from here with a chemistry degree."

Since GSU has been receiving national recognition, it is important to keep up with competing universities in order to maintain its reputation.

"As we grow, the ACS says the chemistry department needs more teachers to accommodate more students. The teacher to student ratio needs to come down," said Deal.

GSU also gained attention by sending eight students to Atlanta

last spring.

They attended the ACS National Meeting, where they presented their research projects, spoke with chemists and met prospective employers.

With over 300 chemistry majors, and one third of them going on to graduate school, you may be wondering what kinds of job opportunities are available.

"We have students go into the GBI, forensics, research development, pharmaceuticals and sales. Chemistry majors are highly valued in the business world," Boyd said.

Recognition from the ACS is not just good news for the faculty. Students are also pleased with the ratings.

Sophomore chemistry major Steve Blubaugh said, "A chemistry degree from GSU means a whole lot more now that we are nationally ranked."

"It goes to show you that Georgia Southern is more than just good parties, good lookin' ladies and good weather. It means that we are also very academically focused and having a good balance of everything is what college should really be about, both fun and academics."

"I feel that GSU's chemistry program should be on the list [of top chemistry programs] because of the tough curriculum. The teachers are top notch and actually make learning chemistry fun and interesting."

For more information about GSU's chemistry department, contact 912-681-5691.

Also, check out their webpage at <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/chemistry/>.

## Honey 'bee' good

GSU News Service

A leading expert on the social behavior of insects will deliver the 22 LeConte Scholars Program lecture at Georgia Southern University on Monday, Oct. 16.

Gene Robinson will present "Overachievers: What Honey Bees Teach Us About Genes, Brains and Social Behavior" at 5:30 p.m. in Biology Building Room 2215. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Robinson is the G. William Arends Professor of Integrative Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He is also director of the institution's neuroscience program and a professor of entomology.

Robinson has received a Gug-

enheim Fellowship and a Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship. In addition, he is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences.

The LeConte Scholars Program was the first endowed visiting scholars program established at Georgia Southern.

It is funded by an anonymous donor who wishes to honor the university, stimulate students and faculty, and enrich the scholarly and cultural environment of the region.

The program is named for Joseph LeConte, a noted geologist and conservationist of the 19th century who was born in Liberty County, Ga.

For more information on the LeConte Scholars Program, call (912) 681-5564.

## The George-Anne Daily

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## NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

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### Jail n' Bail

Monday, Oct. 16, 10 am - 2 pm  
Rotunda

Come be apart of the action as a GSU police officer arrests volunteer faculty, staff and students for a mock DUI. Volunteers will be read their rights, given sobriety tests and "booked" for the DUI charges. They will be jailed at the Rotunda. Help the "prisoners" raise money for bail to gain their freedom while contributing to the Health Education Foundation.

### Simulated DUI

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11 am - 1:30 pm  
Russell Union Visitors Parking Lot

Captain Lee Harris from the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department will be here to assist students with a drunk/impaired driving simulation. Students will be able to participate in various activities and obstacle courses while wearing Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) goggles. Free beer (root beer of course) will be provided along with food donated from local restaurants. ShuttleGUS volunteers will be there to answer any questions and give information about Georgia Southern's highly successful safe ride program.

### Mocktails

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 pm  
Russell Union Ballroom

It is possible to enjoy great drinks without the effects of alcohol. Join the Health Education Peer Educators and the Homecoming Steering Committee as they serve up tasty, non-alcoholic beverages for "Plunderin' for Pirates' Booty."

### Mocktails

Thursday, Oct. 19, 10 am - 1 pm  
Rotunda

Join us again for different recipes if you enjoy the mocktails Wednesday night. The Health Education Peer Educators will serve up "Calhoun Typhoons" and "Pink Champagne." The drinks will have you saying "who needs alcohol?"



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# OPINION



## THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

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"Drinking and driving: there are stupider things, but it's a very short list."

- Joseph Schenck

## OUR VIEW

# Drunk driving is irresponsible, immature and self-centered

AT ISSUE: Students should keep intoxicated friends and family members off the road to prevent unnecessary deaths

We all know someone who has driven home so drunk that they could barely walk straight, but we also know of those who never made it home after a night of drinking ends with a fatal car accident. Responsible adults and immature freshman alike should take the time to keep their friends from driving home drunk, whether that means giving them a ride, calling a cab, letting them crash on the couch or walking them home.

College is a time when many students test their limits with parties and alcohol, seeing how many drinks they can down in one night. Unfortunately, drinking and driving are a dangerous and often deadly mixture.

Lots of students drink so much in one night that the following day they can't even remember how they got home. It is the responsibility of friends to keep them off of the roads during their drunken stupors. If you allow them behind the wheel, you are complicit in anything that takes place later.

Dealing with friends or family who are intoxicated is not an easy task, but it is imperative to keep them from driving home. Sometimes it takes trickery to get the keys from them, but having them angry at you for one night is much better than being angry at yourself for the rest of your life.

Luckily, there are options to driving home under the influence. ShuttleGus is a free service for students

who are under the influence to get home safely without getting behind the wheel and endangering lives other than just their own.

Drinking and having a good time is okay, but be responsible by having a way to get home or a safe place to sleep for the night. Designate someone as the sober driver, and if you see them indulging in more than a few alcoholic drinks, call a cab so everyone can get home safely.

Driving drunk can result in unnecessary deaths, but it can also lead to a night in jail and months of legal troubles to deal with. For anyone who has gone through the process of paying off a DUI charge and losing their license, it makes sense to just walk, or

call a friend for a ride.

In life, individuals are responsible for the choices they make. It is important to remember that poor decision making has real-life implications. If you have friends who routinely drive under the influence, it is time to speak with them directly and frankly. If they are uninterested, there are others (their parents or family members, workers at health services) with whom you can seek a proactive solution.

For most students, Statesboro is small enough to walk home from bars or house parties. If you drink then drive, you will face the consequences eventually. If your friends are the ones making the bad decisions, and you do nothing to help, you are equally guilty.

## Randy Crooms COLUMNIST

# Have fun but don't drink and drive

I'm torn about writing about this issue because I truly don't like to tell any kind of story that might lead to excess partying. So, to those adults who will say that I shouldn't tell this, I apologize in advance. To you kids who think you know it all and have the corner on the partying market: this should show you that I consider you amateurs.

Like I said in a previous article, I was a freshman in 1981. My generation knew how to have a good time. We had the Flame, which was the baddest night club in all of Southeast Georgia. Students packed the Flame every time the doors were open. Students routinely came from Athens, Savannah, Macon, Hilton Head, Charleston, even Tech... just to party at the Flame. The place was slammed every time the doors were opened. Of course, there were also the locals. By locals, I mean the indigenous population from across what we call the Coastal Empire and Low Country. The place had a good name, because it was always hot.

Chandler Road was famous, but it wasn't just the Flame. In those days, there was also the "Animal House" just up the road. And, there was also "Cadillac Jack's," too. GSU has always done a lion's share of bringing in big named bands to perform concerts. Wasn't it last year that 3 Doors Down was here? Back in high school, I came to my first ever concert here at GSC, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and I don't have to tell you how awesome that was. Did you know that GSC hosted the Rolling Stones way back when? So, you see, you don't have the market cornered on a good time, we've always had one. Each generation feels that they can prove theirs is best. Yours in no different, and neither was ours.

Here's possibly the most important part of this. We had something else in the "ole days" that y'all don't have and I cannot say that it was entirely a good thing. We had far more lenient laws for drinking and driving. Looking back, I'm lucky to be alive and I am very thankful that I never hurt anyone. I can't say that for some of my close friends. Some died before their time and I'll bet many students in those days can recall friends or acquaintances that were lost due to drunk driving.

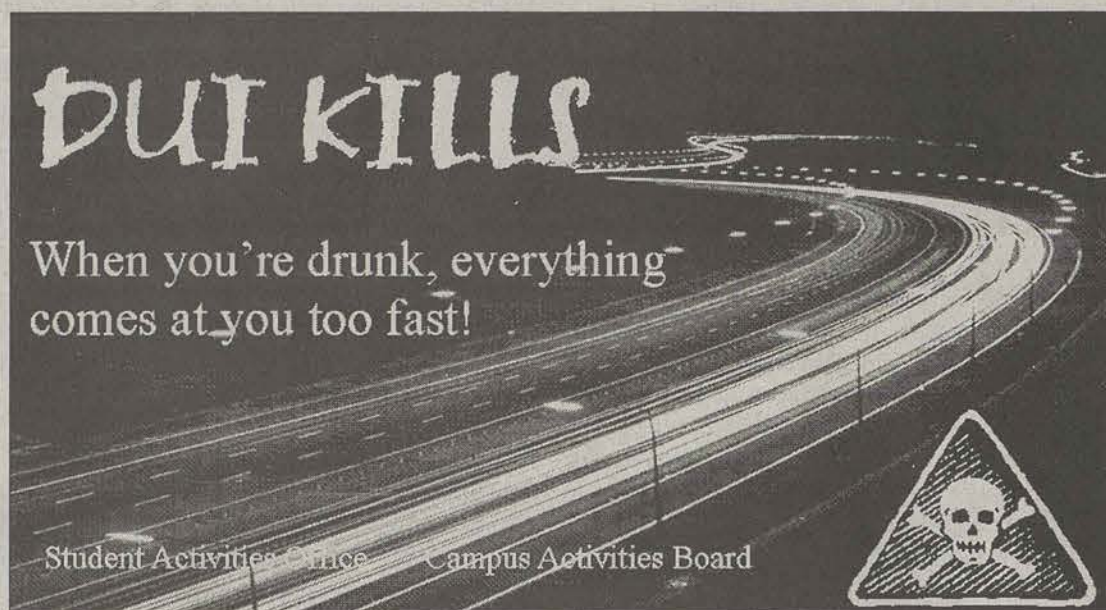
So, I hope that I did not sound like I condone too much irresponsible partying. I'm a parent of a teenagers and I simply cannot do that.

I know that y'all are going to do it anyway, but please be careful. I know that we were a generation and you are another, but some things don't change. We had our good times and so do you. But, please learn from our mistakes and not your own!

My kids don't listen to me and I know that many of you don't listen to your parents. We used to listen to "older friends" when we wouldn't listen to our parents. So as a friend, do me a favor, a real favor, and be careful when partying.

Don't become a statistic. No party is worth a DUI. If you don't want to be your best friend's pall bearer, don't put yourself in a position to need him to do that for you either.

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## Reader responses

# Video games...not an addiction

It is my privilege to respond to the "Beware, the video game addiction" from Thursday's issue of the George-Anne on behalf of Video Gamers Alliance (VGA).

First, I would like to say, how dare you equate this fun pastime with that of more serious activities such as drug addiction? The arguments of this article are an unfair assumption of all gamers.

The study of video games and its impact has been going on for years. However, there is still no accurate evidence to identify that there is or isn't a comparison between those that play video games and violence or aggression.

VGA has been in existence now for one full academic year, and yes, we play video games. It is our meaning of existence, however, this is not our only purpose. The comment, "With all of the distractions of video games surrounding us all, it's a wonder that anyone has time for school, work, or even time to read a book," just isn't an accurate testament to gamers of GSU, let alone those across the globe.

VGA believes in giving back to the

university as well as the Statesboro community that supports us. We collect non-perishable food items as well as volunteer for other causes. We are co-hosting a blood drive in November and have done several canned food drives for the Statesboro Food Bank. Our next venture is volunteering at Josephs Home for Boys.

"What a ridiculous use of technology." A ridiculous use of technology that has turned into a six billion dollar industry. Studies have shown that it is not our children who are mostly playing video games. It is college students and graduates. This ridiculous use of technology you refer to has helped many students have stress-free fun. Even administrators play video games just as a stress relieving activity. Nancy Miller, secretary in the Student Activities Center admits to playing Tetris. "It helps take my mind off of other things when I'm bogged down with work," said Miller. Not only do video games serve as a stress relieving activity, they allow a global unity. There is so much strife and inequality in the world, video games have helped to stop this by creating online communities.

Your comment about creating more video games that would "challenge the very knowledge of an individual, or maybe even teach them more as they played along" has not been fully researched.

There are a multitude of PC, handheld and console video games that challenge individuals. Game play experience does in fact teach them new fundamentals that are necessary for becoming a well-rounded individual. SimCity is a PC game that allows users to create an intricate city of their own. They have to be aware of demographics, costs, land usage (commercial vs. residential) and the effects of it all on each other. This game has been used for years for educational purposes. "It can be an excellent resource for understanding urban planning," said Kurt Squire, author of "Cultural Framing of Computer/Video Games."

Video games are not meaningless. I have many hopes for myself, my organization and this university. I hope that VGA will continue to live on, grow and help out the community.

GSU student Victoria Felder

# Gamers are not lazy or unintelligent

My name is Colt Compton, and I am president of the National Association for the Protection of Video Games. Last week's editorial that dealt with video gamers is the single most offensive thing I have ever read regarding my hobby.

Were you aware that I was stupid and uneducated? I wasn't. By your writers conjecture, all gamers are "Peanut M&M eating, 36-pack Mountain Dew drinking, RPG fantasy nuts," and know nothing about the world we live in.

In answer to your writers' question, A Fair Tax is a national tax rate that applies to all economic classes and most advocates agree that it should be around 15 percent of total earnings. I wonder though, does he know who Andrea Dworkin is, what Che Guaverra believed in and what an augmented sev-

enth chord sounds like? Probably not. I do, yet I do not fault him for that.

This article offended me for a number of reasons, but most of all was its sheer lack of any type of evidence. There are "games that challenge the very knowledge of an individual." In fact, there are entire books on the subject. I know that I'm a gamer and it makes no sense for me to have read a book, let alone hundreds of them, but I have. If your writer had read these books, James Paul Gee's "What Video Games Have to Teach Us About Learning and Literacy" or Steven Johnson's "Everything Bad is Good for You: How Today's Popular Culture is Actually Making Us Smarter," he might have created a more informed article. I myself know gamers of all types and there are millions of people that will tell you that video games do not make

you stupid, are not addictive and do not cause you to have no social life.

I myself am a professional musician and full-time student, have a fiancée, have a day job and will through my own efforts raise over \$1,000 for the local food bank this semester through charity concerts. I also happen to play video games in my spare time and I really, really hate it when people see that and assume that I'm lazy. I also happen to know a lot of gamers that are incredibly intelligent and that live normal lives just like regular people.

I sincerely hope you see my point and some of my friends and I would very much like to know if your paper considers gamers to be lower than other individuals.

GSU student Colt Compton

## Adam Crisp THE FAKE NEWS

# Drop everything to vote Monday

Two years ago, Shiree Pinkard was just three weeks into her time as Georgia Southern's homecoming queen when the most challenging crisis of her reign presented itself.

While walking along campus she smelled smoke. Even now, the former queen remembers it like it was yesterday. "Something just happened to me. I felt all the hairs on the back of my neck stand up," said Pinkard. "I kicked off my pumps and just ran."

Pinkard recalls the incident perfectly now because at the end of her sprint toward the fire, she found smoke coming from the school's daycare. Inside, six babies were surrounded by fire. Firefighters hadn't arrived yet and workers at the nursery were overwhelmed by smoke.

Shiree took off her satin homecoming sash, wrapped it around her nose and mouth and darted into the building.

"I set aside regard for my health, hair and clothes to save those babies," she said. "It was the defining moment of my homecoming career."

Indeed it was. Shiree saved those babies, burned a small amount of her hair and she never recovered those Prada pumps she tore off as she ran for daycare center.

Despite being enthralled in a controversial gubernatorial race and in the midst of a contentious mid-term congressional election, the real race of importance to students is homecoming.

It's obvious that's where students have laid their priorities. There isn't one student on campus actively campaigning on sidewalks and in class for Rep. John Barrow or Max Burns, the two men running to represent this area in Congress. Instead, students are putting their energy behind deciding who's going to sit on the next homecoming court. And it should be that way. There is no more important person at GSU.

When times are hard and questions are complex, students turn to the homecoming queen and king for guidance, support and inspiration. In fact, last year's homecoming queen and king accomplished so much, guided so many and inspired such large numbers, I don't even need to mention their names here. In fact, their impact will loom so large, we should consider erecting a statue to stand alongside the bronze figure so many people want for famed GSU coach Erk Russell.

So when students invest hundreds of dollars into slick, professionally-printed posters, cards and other advertising, it's all worth their effort. All those hours spent introducing themselves to fellow students, glad-handing the masses and dressing really nicely will pay off.

It would be an understatement to say that investing all that time, money and energy in running for perhaps SGA or some other organization would be a waste. No, these students' energy being placed behind the worthy popularity contest we call homecoming is well thought out, planned perfectly and will surely pay off ten-fold in the end.

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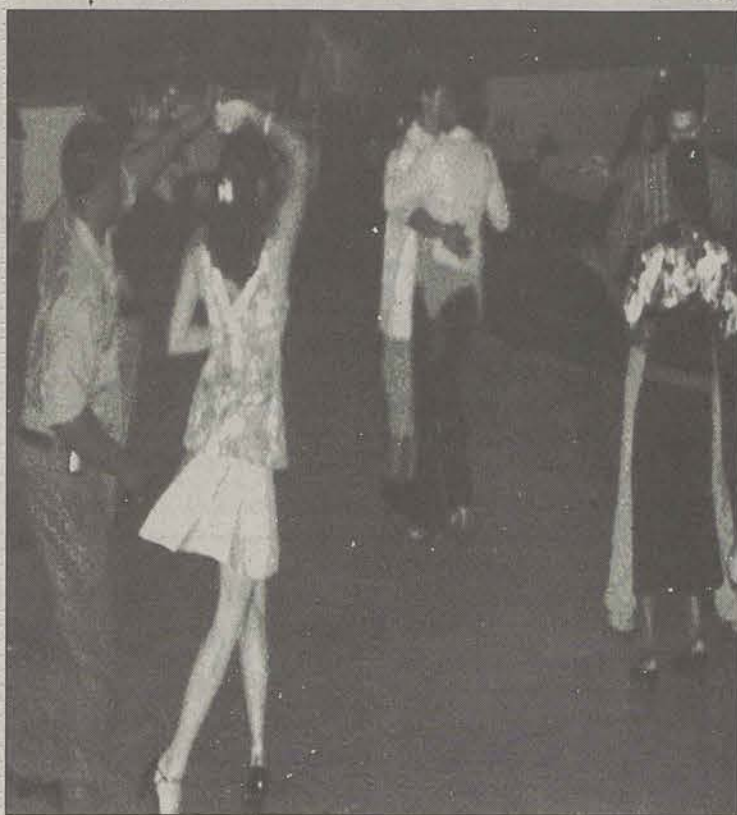
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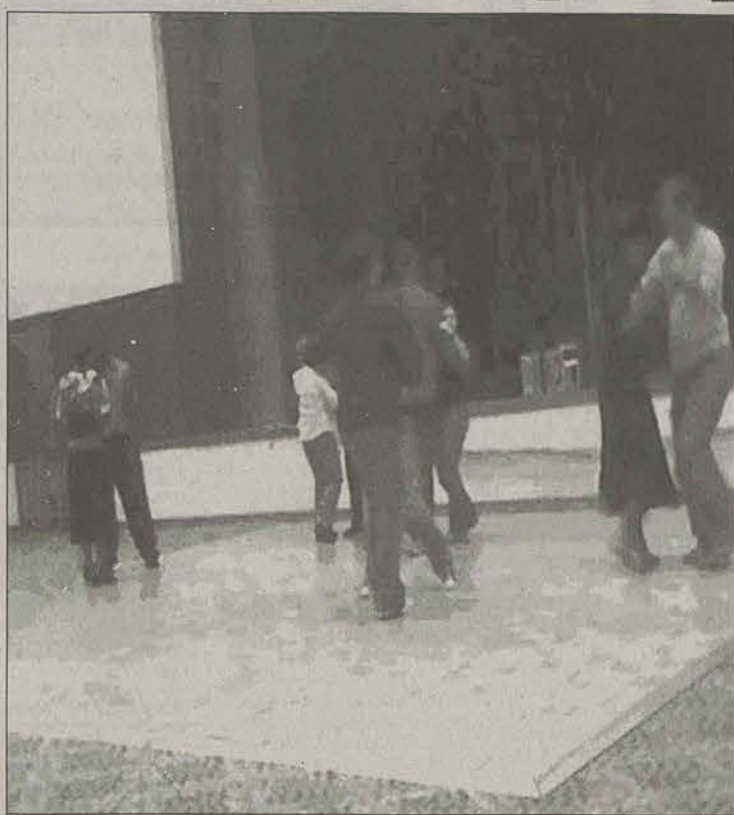
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# Hispanic Heritage Month wraps up with salsa dance



Students show off salsa dance moves they learned during the month.



Students couple up during the salsa dance in the Russell ballroom.

By Ashley Ferguson  
Staff writer

The Russell Union Ballroom was hot Thursday night as Hispanic Heritage Month ended with Noche de Sabor: A Night of Flavor.

Every year, the Hispanic Student Association has Salsa Night as the grand finale, but this year was perhaps the most successful.

Dance lessons, consisting of merengue, bachata and salsa, were taught for two nights – instead of one night – prior to the dance.

The salsa lessons were also a major success this year, with close to 80 students Tuesday evening and 20 on Wednesday. Noche de Sabor kicked off at 7 p.m. with a mini dance lesson to refresh everyone's memory of the dance steps.

Many of the members from the Hispanic Student Association reported that people were more confident about dancing, which showed because the dance floor was

rarely empty.

The DJ played reggaeton on top of salsa, merengue and bachata. A couple was always dancing.

Jessica Claudio, president of the Hispanic Student Association said, "[The dance] was a success," in response to the turnout and participation. "The best year yet," Claudio said.

Claudio was amazed by the intensity the fellow students had when dancing. They had fun trying and it showed.

MAP Coordinator Amy Anderson also said it was one of the better years and that Noche de Sabor was "double or triple what it was last year."

Students have asked that salsa lessons take place more than twice during Hispanic Heritage Month, and there may be requests for another salsa night in the spring.

However, for now, students can put away their dance shoes until next fall when Hispanic Heritage Month rolls around again on Sept. 15.

## Students research for Parker's

GSU News Service

Four eager students at Georgia Southern University recently took on a real-world research project for Parker's Convenience Stores, finding that cleanliness and safety are primary issues for teens choosing a convenience store.

They demonstrated their project results at the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) 2006 Show in Las Vegas earlier this month.

"The students, armed with new experience in surveys, focus groups and market research, really wowed their audience," said Dr. Kathleen Gruben, marketing professor and director of the Center for Retail Studies. "They had everyone's attention, and conference attendees stayed for an hour afterward to talk with them."

"Gruben's students were able to punctuate and to bring the complex emotional teen mindset to the NACS audience of retailers and suppliers," said Martha Russell, president of Clickin Research. "They started the session with dialog, showing retailers and suppliers the issues, attitudes and perceptions most relevant to teens. They did such a good job."

"The students' work is part of a unique project that began three years ago with national research sponsored by Coca-Cola and conducted by Clickin Research on behalf of NACS/Coca-Cola Leadership Council," said Russell. "Council members—convenience store owners—worked this year to validate the national research findings in their own regional stores. The Georgia Southern students worked on the validation phase of this project."

The students' project came as a request from Greg Parker, owner of Parker's Convenience Stores throughout southeast Georgia.

Parker asked a question vital to his business: What aspects of convenience stores will help build loyal teen customers?

The previous NACS/Coca-Cola study provided some insight, but Parker was looking for direct application to his southeast Georgia stores.

Kathleen Gruben, associate professor of marketing and director of the Center for Retail Studies, decided to answer Parker's question by convening a special topics class known as Directed Study in Market Research.

Based on recommendations from

faculty, she accepted four students to conduct the project: Shanika Benton, a human resource management major from Sylvania; Jarad Brown, a marketing and sales major from Savannah; Christopher Ford, a marketing and graphic design major from Gwinnett County; and Virginia Strong, a human resource management major from Augusta.

"Attending the NACS 2006 trade show in Las Vegas has not only been an exciting opportunity for these students, it's been invaluable experience," said Parker.

"Their research will be used to formulate how convenience stores will operate in the coming years."

What answers did they find for Parker? Not the ones you'd think, according to Gruben.

Teens were interested in spending their money in convenience stores that were, first and foremost, clean—especially the restrooms.

In addition to easily accessible products, they want to feel safe, which meant a store that is brightly lit and where the ATM is not at the front door.

"We had a lot of hands-on opportunity to work out how our project would go," said Brown. "We learned from our mistakes. Dr. Gruben allowed us to make mistakes, but then showed us how to fix them."

Benton agreed. "This was an opportunity to prepare for and lead focus groups that included students from 13 to 21 years of age," she said. "I got a lot of life experience that will help me down the road."

Ford reported a greater appreciation for the value of focus groups and market research. "When you're marketing a product, so much goes into each decision."

"With each focus group we rotated roles," said Strong. "Each of us had an opportunity to moderate the groups, videotape and analyze the teens' comments."

In Las Vegas, the students demonstrated their research results by playing the roles of teens shopping in a convenience store.

They also demonstrated a "Letterman-style" list of top ten attributes of a convenience store.

"This was a very positive learning opportunity," said Gruben. "The students provided service for a regional retailer, learned more about marketing research and got hands-on experience that will benefit them no matter what career they choose."



Parker's Convenience Stores much like the one pictured. They are located in six counties throughout southeast Georgia, including Statesboro.

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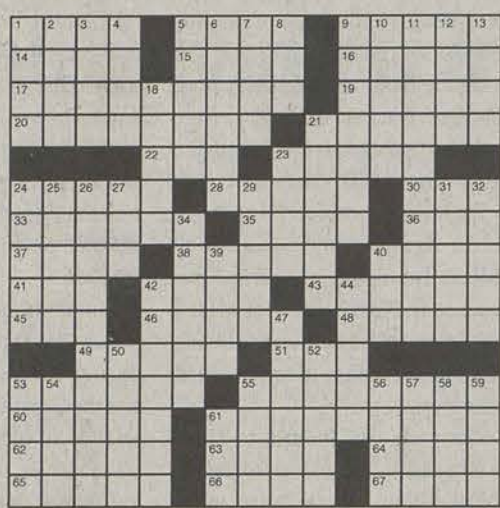
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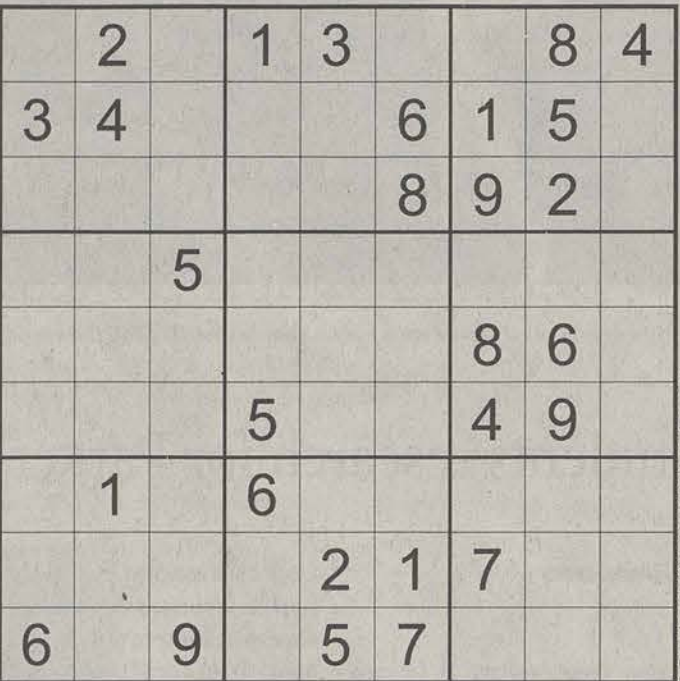
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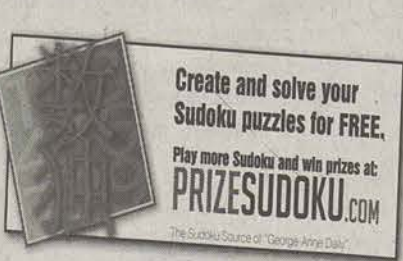
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# The gloves are off for this fall's campaigns

By Travis Fain

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The 2006 political season is running full tilt, and barring any runoffs, it will be history in just more than three weeks.

A blur of political ads and promises will come down to Nov. 7, when midstate voters decide a slate of races, including their representatives under the Gold Dome in Atlanta and on Capitol Hill.

Though this fall's political season may have begun with a whimper, the gloves are off in many high-profile contests, including races for the governor's mansion and Congress' eighth District.

In the increasingly bitter eighth, incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga., is trying to fend off a challenge from former Rep. Mac Collins, a Republican who brought President Bush to town last week to rally support for his election bid. The friction has been most visible in their advertising campaigns, with both men accusing each other of supporting amnesty and both trying to paint themselves as the most conservative candidate.

In the governor's race, Lt. Gov.

Mark Taylor, a Democrat, has questioned Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue about a Florida land deal and self-benefiting tax break, while Perdue has fired shots about state contracts awarded to companies owned by Taylor's father and donations that Republicans claim exceed the legal limits.

Amid all of this, there are questions about whether Republicans can hold on to the dominance displayed in 2002, when Perdue surprised the experts and became Georgia's first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

"For Democrats to regain the governorship would be a major upset this year," said Charles Bullock, a political scientist at the University of Georgia. "It looks like Perdue holds onto the governorship and Republicans make gains."

To that end, the lieutenant governor's race also is worth watching. It pits Republican Casey Cagle against Democrat Jim Martin, both of whom survived tough primaries to face each other this November. Both the governor's race and lieutenant governor's race also feature Libertarian Party candidates: Garrett Michael is on the ballot for governor,

and Allen Buckley is running for lieutenant governor.

Georgia voters also will select a new secretary of state, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance, state school superintendent, commissioner of labor and some Public Service commissioners.

There also are three proposed amendments to the state constitution (restricting the use of eminent domain, protecting the tradition of hunting and fishing and allowing the General Assembly to shift revenue raised from special license plates).

And there are six proposed state referendums, too, most of which deal with tax exemptions (including one for senior citizens and another for farm equipment).

At the federal level, the Marshall-Collins matchup, along with the race between U.S. Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga., and Republican Max Burns in the 12th District, may be key to determining which national party controls the U.S. House of Representatives. Both races are drawing national attention.

Midstate voters have to pick judges, state representatives and a senator or two, though in Bibb County (and

much of the surrounding area) the incumbent senators are unopposed. The same is true in several of the state representative races, though the Allen Freeman vs. Lauren Benedict race in the 140th District and the Tony Sellier vs. Beth Perera bout in the 136th both bear watching.

Two Macon Water Authority seats are on the ballot: Javors Lucas is unopposed in one, and Steve Rickman faces James Pollock in the other.

It's a long ballot, eight pages on the Bibb County touchscreen version, according to Macon-Bibb County Elections Supervisor Elaine Carr. Carr didn't want to predict turnout yet. But she did say she's afraid people will be skipping right past, or voting very quickly, on the various amendment and referendum issues.

"I think they will mainly vote in bigger races," Carr said. "We've noticed our absentee voters, even though there's all those amendments and referendums on there, they're not taking any longer to vote than in the primary."

Absentee voting has been ongoing since earlier this month, and the referendums and amendments weren't on the primary ballots. They also haven't gotten near the publicity of some of races.

"None of them have the ability to mobilize the electorate like the gay marriage provision did two years ago," Bullock said. "I expect a lot of people won't pay a lot of attention, won't be prepared."

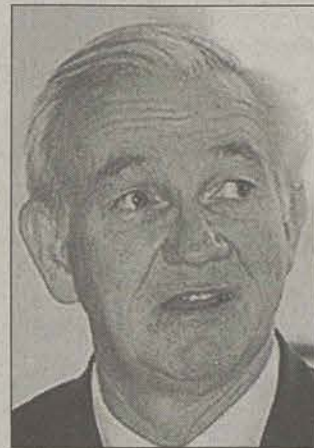
As for logistics, absentee voting continues for the disabled, out-of-town and senior citizens. Advance voting, in which anyone can visit their elections office and vote early, starts Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 3. For more information on where and how to vote, call or visit your local elections office, or contact the Georgia Secretary of State's Office at (404) 656-2871 or online at [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us) [<http://www.sos.state.ga.us>].



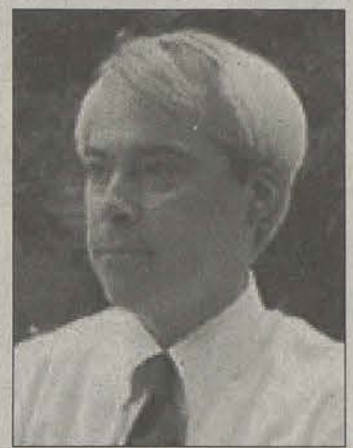
Sonny Perdue



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Max Burns



John Barrow



Casey Cagle



Jim Martin

## Rising stars and flameouts

A sampling of those whose political stock is rising after Election Day and those who had a future but crashed and burned



### Rising stars

Jeb Bush  
Fla. governor

Wins re-election, puts 2000 election debacle behind him; no shrub, this Bush

Jennifer Granholm  
Mich. governor-elect

First Dem gov. in 12 yrs.; Canadian born, can't run for president; time to change the Constitution?

Ed Rendell  
Pa. governor-elect

Former Philly mayor with pugnacious style steals state from GOP; Dems need a Rocky

Mitt Romney  
Mass. governor-elect

Former Olympic organizer wins gold — a GOP governor in a Dem state; next, Red Sox win World Series

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Very fit actor  
Puts muscle behind successful Calif. after-school funding initiative; is he pumping up for 2006 gov.'s race?

### Flameouts

Roy Barnes  
Ga. governor

Had presidential promise; gave Democrats hope in South; he lost; GOP whistling Dixie

Gray Davis  
Calif. governor

Dull but had White House chops; barely kept Calif. governorship over bad GOP challenger; chops gone

Dick Gephardt  
House Minority Leader

Doesn't want to be leader after Dems lose seats; springboard to presidency just lost its bounce

John Thune  
S.D. Senate hopeful

Would-be giant killer in Democratic leader Daschle's home state got edged out; now a high plains drifter

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend  
Md. lieutenant governor

Political heiress squanders legacy in Md. governor's race; Kennedy mystique dead?

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## Debate

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Questions from the candidates were generated from GSU's political science professors and students, as well as community members, but there will be no questions from the audience.

"We have contacted chamber members, college political groups and local political parties and we have gotten input from the political science classes at GSU, from political science professors, members of the agricultural community and others," said Lanier. "There will not be any questions from the crowd, but we think we have a good selection of issues and topics covered with the input we have received."

Chair of the Democratic party of Bulloch County, John Brown, said that public debates are an important part of American politics.

"A debate gives more information about the candidate and what they stand for, and I think it is useful to go and see if the person you are supporting is the person you thought you were supporting," said Brown.

"One of the really unique and wonderful things about this country is that we do have a democracy where people do have the right and in some sense the duty to get involved to help our country make the right decisions," said Brown.

"The beauty of democracy is that everyone can participate and by getting involved make the world a better place. It's a chance for both sides to get their philosophies out and let the people decide."



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# Election education

It's easy to participate in this year's election. Our guide breaks down the voting process and offers tips to get you ready for Nov. 7

## WHO CAN VOTE

You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state in which you're registering, 18 years old, not in prison (laws about people with criminal records vary by state) and not declared mentally insane. Many states will allow 17-year-olds to register if they'll be 18 by Election Day.

It can take between 10 days and three weeks for the local elections office to process your registration application, at which point they'll send you a voter registration card. Remember to register as early as possible to ensure that your application is processed before Election Day. Elections offices often get inundated with paperwork as the deadline approaches.

Contact your secretary of state ([www.fvap.gov/links/statelinks.html](http://www.fvap.gov/links/statelinks.html)) to learn more about the voting rules for your area.



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Citizens enter voting booths in Martinez, Calif., in November 2004.

## WHERE TO REGISTER

Online registration is probably the easiest and quickest way to register. Go to your state's board of elections Web site for more information about their voter registration policies. You also can find registration information at the Federal Election Commission's Web site ([www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)) and the United States Election Assistance Commission's site ([www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)).

Often the department of motor vehicles, public libraries and college campuses have registration information available.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you're not going to be present in your voting precinct on Election Day, make sure to request an absentee ballot.

Go to your state's elections page to download an absentee ballot or contact your county or city election official to request an absentee ballot. In some states, when you register to vote you also can request an absentee ballot.

Be sure to mail in the application to the appropriate office, and be wary of deadlines and any restrictions that apply specifically to your state.

For more information about states' absentee voting policies go to [www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html](http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html).

## DEADLINES

Many states have a 30-day registration deadline before Election Day. If you are registering to vote in Wyoming, Wisconsin, Idaho, New Hampshire, Minnesota or Maine you can register the day of the election as long as you bring an ID.

By BRIANNA BOND AND JAMIE LIVENGOD, McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

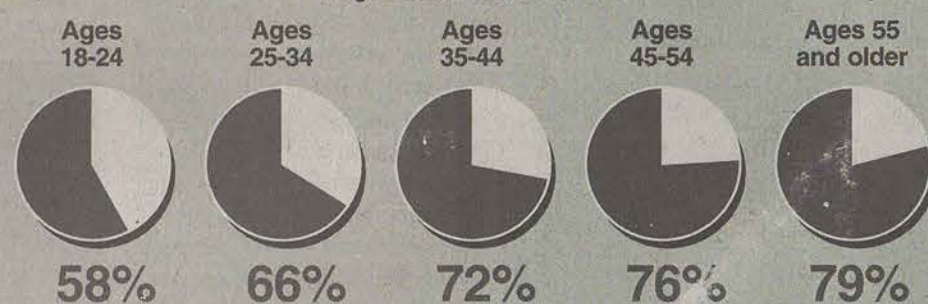
**A**nother midterm election is quickly approaching, and candidates are scrambling for votes.

Young voters may turn out to be a key segment on Election Day. Seventy-three percent of young people who are eligible to vote are likely to cast ballots in November, according to a poll of 18- to 30-year-olds conducted by the Young Voter Strategies, a project of the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management.

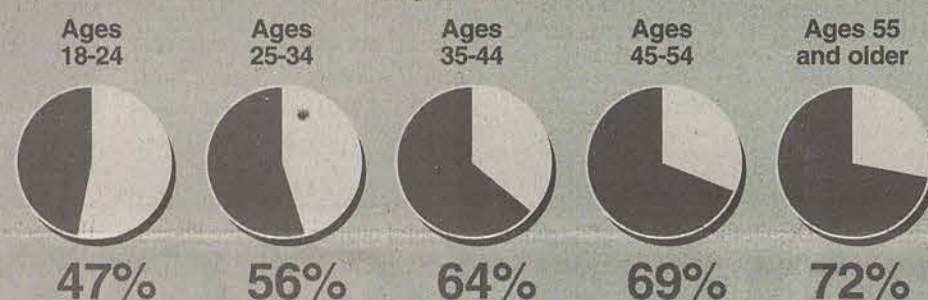
If you're new to voting, or haven't done it in a while, it's time to learn about the election process. To help you out, we offer information about registering to vote, getting involved in campaigns, researching candidates and more.

## U.S. CENSUS BUREAU VOTING INFORMATION

Registration rates in 2004:



Voting rates in 2004:



## VOTING TIMELINE

**1870:** The 15th Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting any state from refusing voting rights to any man, regardless of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

**1920:** The 19th Amendment ensuring women's right to vote was ratified.

**1961:** The 23rd Amendment allows the votes of Washington, D.C., residents to count in the Electoral College.

**1964:** The 24th Amendment is ratified, disallowing the use of poll taxes. Poll taxes were used as a ploy to ensure that the poor black population could not vote even though they had been enfranchised almost 100 years earlier.

**1971:** The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.



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Women suffragists protest for the right to vote in this 1913 photo.

## TERMS TO KNOW

All the political jargon that you hear during election season is enough to make you wish you had paid more attention in your high school government class. Consider this your refresher course. Below are some terms from PBS.org that will let you walk into your voting site with confidence.

■ **Bicameral legislature:** A legislature consisting of two separate chambers or houses. In the U.S. Congress, the lower house is the House of Representatives, and the upper house is the Senate.

■ **Canvassing:** A tactic to win votes by contacting voters directly, usually through door-to-door, telephone or Internet campaigning.

■ **Caucus:** Meeting of party members to decide which delegates to send to a state or national nominating convention.

■ **Gerrymander:** To divide a voting area to give one political party a majority in as many districts as possible or weaken the voting strength of a specific population, such as an ethnic group.

■ **Midterm election:** An election for seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives that occurs in the middle of a president's four-year term.

■ **National party convention:** The official gathering held by each of the major political parties during the summer before a presidential election to nominate the party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and announce the party's platform.

■ **Plurality:** The number of votes in an election that the leading candidate obtains over the next highest candidate.

■ **Primary election:**

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## SPORTS

## Miami players suspended following melee

The troubled season continues for Head Coach Larry Coker and the Miami Hurricanes.

The Associated Press reported Sunday at that least eight Miami players will be suspended for their involvement in Saturday's bench-clearing fight between the Canes and Florida International. Five of the players were ejected following the fray, meaning the ACC will also issue sanctions for those players.

The length of the suspensions is not yet determined.



## This week in SPORTS

## Tuesday

Men's soccer at North Florida, 7 p.m.

## Friday

Women's soccer at Western Carolina, 12 p.m.

Men's tennis at ITA Southeast Regional, 12 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Furman, 7 p.m.

## Saturday

HOMECOMING: Football vs. Appalachian St., 12 p.m.

Men's soccer at Davidson, 4 p.m.

## WEEKEND WRAP-UP

Syracuse: 17 No. 4 West Virginia: 41 Baylor: 31 No. 5 Texas: 63 Cincinnati: 17 No. 6 Louisville: 23 No. 11 California: 21 Washington St.: 3

## Eagles extinguish Phoenix

Record-breaking performances from GSU's offensive stars help the Eagles earn their third victory of the season

Elon 21  
Georgia Southern 28

## Passing stats

Elon- Wes Pope: 17 of 35 for 214 yards, two touchdowns, two INTs.

GSU- Travis Clark: 27 of 39 for 375 yards, one touchdown, one INT.

## Leading Rushers

Elon- Reggie Hall: eight rushes for 46 yards.

GSU- Lamar Lewis: 11 rushes for 42 yards, two touchdowns.

## Leading Receivers

Elon- Terrell Hudgins: seven catches for 100 yards

GSU- Jayson Foster: nine catches for 84 yards, one touchdown. Reggie McCutchen: seven catches for 191 yards.

By Mike Anthony  
Staff writer

Nothing is coming easy for the Georgia Southern Eagles these days. Three times on Saturday afternoon, the Eagles nearly snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, but they simply would not let themselves go down again.

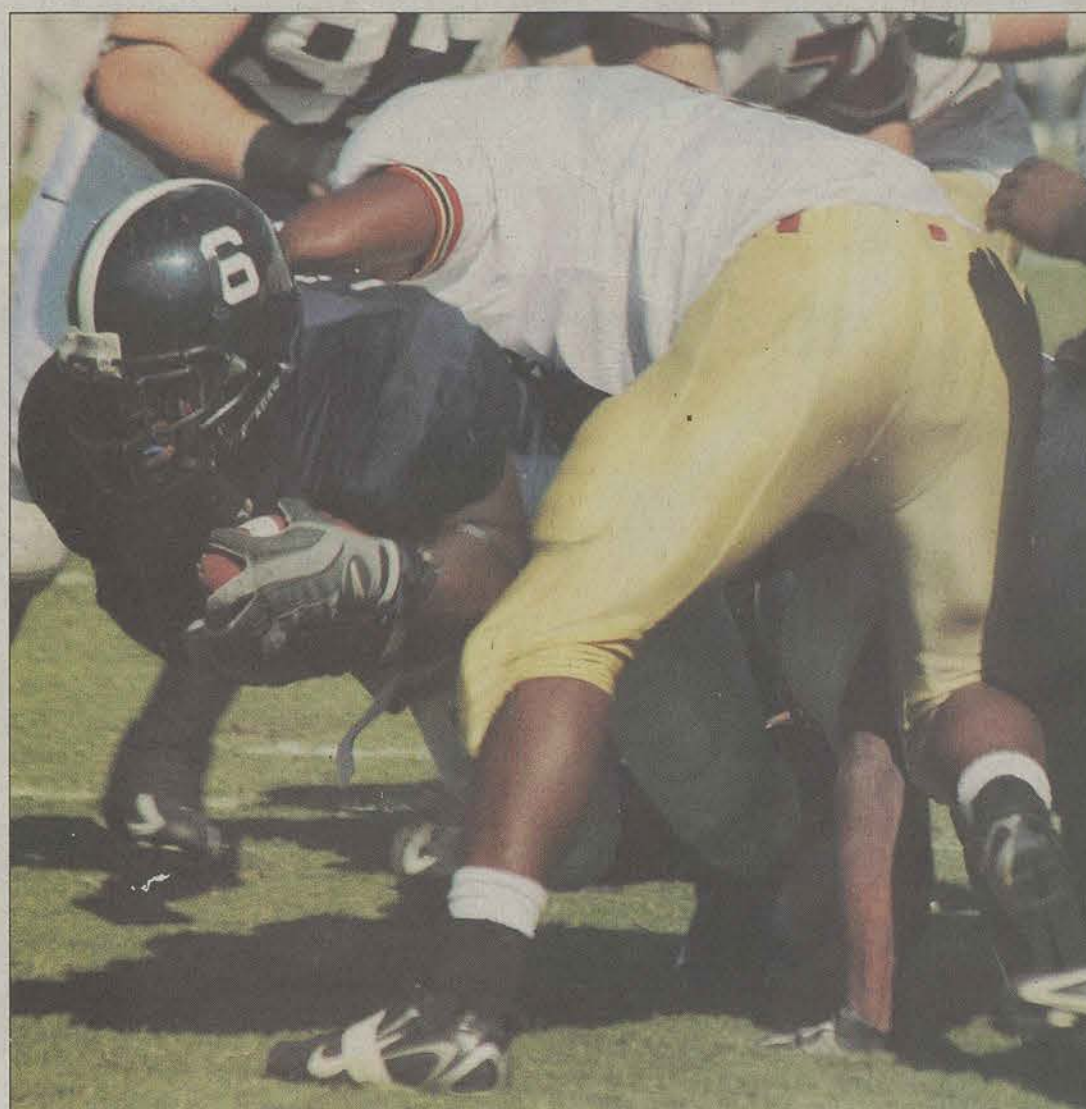
In the end, Georgia Southern was able to pull out a hard-fought 28-21 victory on parents' weekend over the visiting Elon Phoenix.

Late in the first quarter, Eagle quarterback Travis Clark began what would turn out to be a huge day for the Georgia Southern passing attack. He found senior wide receiver Reggie McCutchen for a 48 yard gain, setting up a 21 yard field goal by Patrick Bolen to give the Eagles an early 3-0 lead.

Clark, who returned to the field after being knocked out of last week's game with a concussion, left no doubt as to whether or not he would be up to the challenge. His 27 completions set a new single game record for Georgia Southern quarterbacks.

The sophomore gun-slinger racked up 375 yards in the air on Saturday, the third highest single game total in GSU history.

"We came out wanting to run the ball, but we could never quite get it going," said Clark of the Eagles' pass-heavy offense on Saturday. "Overall, everyone on the offense was on the same page all day and we were able



Lamar Lewis scored the game winning touchdown on a ten yard run with under one minute left in the fourth quarter.

to put it together and get the win. Now we just move on and do it again next week."

Wide receiver Jayson Foster tied an Eagle record with nine catches. McCutchen hauled in seven passes, and his 191 receiving yards broke the single game receiving record previously held by Deryl Belser in 1991.

"We were looking to try to stretch them out a little," said McCutchen. "Our offensive coordinator saw that they had a lot of freshmen starting in their secondary so we tried to go at their inexperience. They did a pretty good job on the deep balls, but we got past them a few times and we were able to get some yards on short passes and screens all day, too."

Despite the red-hot passing game, the Eagles were not able to hang on to their early lead, giving up two touchdowns to the Phoenix before the half. Georgia Southern's 14-10 halftime deficit marked the first time in the seven-game history between the two teams that the Eagle's had trailed at halftime.

The Eagles had been outscored by their opposition in all but one of their first five games, but they came out swinging in the second half.

The Eagle defense clamped down on Elon, stuffing the run and batting down short passes and screens throughout the second half.

A Brandon Jackson interception set up a field goal midway through

the third quarter to cut the Phoenix lead to 14-13.

A 4-yard touchdown pass to Foster in the fourth quarter gave the Eagles a 21-14 lead. They looked to seal the game when they got the ball back and drove deep into Phoenix territory. However, a fumble backed the Eagles up and they were unable to convert on a field goal.

After forcing another Elon punt to regain possession, Travis Clark was picked off and the interception was returned 32 yards for a touchdown, knotting the score at 21 with just over two minutes to play.

But the Eagle offense refused to lay down in the waning minutes. Foster returned the ensuing kickoff

to the Eagle 47 and the offense was on the move once more. Clark took command, and after three consecutive completions, the Eagles were knocking on the doorstep.

Running back, Lamar Lewis took the next play ten yards through the middle for the clinching score, salvaging the victory and possibly the Eagles' postseason hopes along with it.

GSU Head Coach Brian VanGorder was very positive about his team's effort following the game.

"It's a good sign that we were able to win in the way that we did today. We established a good run earlier in the season. They geared up to stop the run and were able to, but we were kind of expecting that and we were able to use our passing game to take care of business and just take what they were giving us."

VanGorder was also very pleased with how the team responded after the costly turnover late in the game.

"In competition you can't hang your head. You keep fighting. It's certainly good to see our guys concentrating and focusing for 60 minutes and that's what it took to win today."

GSU's victory evened their record on the season at 3-3 while increasing their Southern Conference record to 2-1.

While the win was certainly an exciting one, the Eagles have little time to celebrate. With the loss of No. 1-ranked New Hampshire over the weekend, it is likely that the rival Mountaineers of Appalachian State will roll into Paulson Stadium next weekend as the top-ranked team in the country.

## SoCon Standings

	W	L	PCT
Appalachian St. (6-1)	3	0	1.000
Furman (5-2)	3	0	1.000
Georgia Southern (3-3)	2	1	.667
Chattanooga (3-4)	2	2	.500
Elon (3-3)	1	2	.333
Wofford (2-4)	1	2	.333
The Citadel (1-5)	1	2	.333
Western Carolina (2-4)	0	4	.000

## Swimming and diving split first meet of the season

## GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team earned a split in their first meet of the season. The Eagles overtook Howard 157-66 but fell just behind the College of Charleston 117-116.

Of the thirteen events, GSU (1-1, 1-0) saw titles in six of them. Nikki Hutchison, a sophomore from Kennesaw, Ga., was the sole Eagle to take two events with titles in the one-meter dive and the three-meter dive. She scored 194.25 and 188.63 respectively.

Three freshmen stepped up, claiming victories in the debut of their college career. Rachel Sale of Atlantic Beach, Fl. took the 100-yard fly finish-

ing in 59.50. Courtney Martz swam the 100y Back with a time of 1:00.47. Mackenzie Garrot of Fayetteville, Ga. was the third newcomer to title, seizing first place in the 100y Breast with a time of 1:07.23.

The sixth win came from sophomore Heather Jones in the 500-yard Free (5:12.85).

A new Hanner Pool record was set by the College of Charleston's 200y Free Relay team consisting of Brittany Fieldson, Larissa Phillips, Cara Greene and Jenna Tschaikovsky.

Their time of 1:39.04 beat the previous record set last year by over a second (1:40.42.)

"We did very well today," said Head Coach Nate Kellogg. "From

top to bottom we had good swims. Some girls were as fast as they were at the conference meet last year. The freshman also swam well as a whole. I mean I didn't really know what to expect because we hadn't raced yet in practice. But they all swam very well. I'm very proud of them for everything they have accomplished so far this season. And this is the fun part, the racing. Training is hard and that's all we've done. But now we're racing every weekend and that's fun."

The Eagles have more fun to look forward Saturday when they travel to Davidson, N.C. to compete in a dual meet against Davidson and Emory. The meet is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.



Sophomore Heather Jones competes on the 1000 meter free style event.

## SOCON RECAP

Wofford 7 at App. State 14

Game Recap: Appalachian held Wofford to just 237 yards of total offense and snuffed out a pair of Terrier scoring threats in the fourth quarter to help secure the win.

Citadel 17 at Furman 23

Game Recap: Jordan Sorrells, a redshirt freshman making his first collegiate start in place of the injured Renaldo Gray, helped Furman to its 11 consecutive home victory.

UTC 17 at WCU 14

Game Recap: Chattanooga's Esteban Lopez, who had missed his last two field goals coming into the game, connected on a 37-yard field goal on the Mocs' first drive of overtime to lift UTC, spoiling Western Carolina's Homecoming Saturday.

## DIVISION I-A WEEKEND RECAP

Va. Tech 3 at B.C. 22

Game Recap: The No. 22 Hokies were demolished on national television when they traveled to Boston to take on the Eagles, 22-3.

Wake Forest 25 at N.C. State 23

Game Recap: The Deamon Deacons surprised a formidable Wolfpack team and came away with a tough victory as Wake Forest has their best start since 1979.

Ohio St. 38 at Mich. St. 7

Game Recap: Heisman candidate Troy Smith led the Buckeyes over the Spartans over the weekend in East Lansing.

Florida 17 at Auburn 27

Game Recap: The Auburn Tigers upset Chris Leak and the Florida Gators and reclaimed the lead in the SEC West.

Vanderbilt 24 at Georgia 22

Game Recap: A last second field goal lifted the Commodores over the Dawgs in a game that was played between the hedges.

Ariz. St. 28 at USC 21

Game Recap: The Sun Devils almost upset the Trojans, but USC running back Chauncey Washington sealed the game with a 2-yard touchdown run.

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## NFL NATIONAL BRIEFS

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### Seattle Seahawks 30 - St. Louis Rams 28

The Seahawks and the Rams locked horns in a game that featured two great NFL offenses. Marc Bulger threw for 360 yards, while Matt Hasselback threw for 268. Each quarterback threw three touchdowns.

The Rams led 28-27 after a touchdown pass to Torrey Holt with 1:54 left on the clock. The Seahawks responded by driving down the field and setting up a 54-yard game-winning field goal by Josh Brown, giving the Rams their second loss on the year.

### Philadelphia Eagles 24 - New Orleans Saints 27

The New Orleans Saints continue their winning ways, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles with a John Carney fourth-quarter field goal.

Eagle quarterback Donovan McNabb finished with 247 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, while Saints quarterback Drew Brees totalled 275 yards, with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

With the victory, the Saints separate themselves from the rest of the NFC South, sitting atop with a 5-1 record. New Orleans has a bye week before hosting Baltimore at the Superdome. The Eagles travel to Tampa to play the Buccaneers.

### Carolina Panthers 24 - Baltimore Ravens 22

The Panthers seem to have regained their former glory. Thanks to 365 yards from quarterback Jake Delhomme, the Panthers gave the Ravens their second loss in as many weeks.

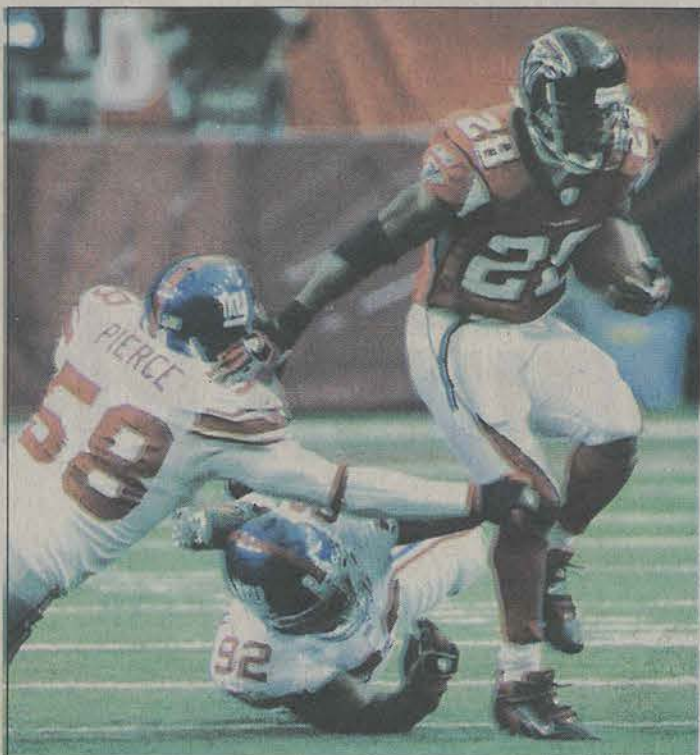
Baltimore quarterback Steve McNair suffered a concussion in the first quarter and sat out the rest of the game. Backup quarterback Kyle Boller was up to the task, however, throwing for 226 yards and three touchdowns.

It wouldn't be enough for the Ravens, though. Steve Smith's 72-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter would seal the victory for the Panthers. Smith finished with 189 total receiving yards in the game.



Special Photo  
Ravens' quarterback Steve McNair was injured in Sunday's loss.

# Barber, Giants flatten Falcons



Special Photo  
Warrick Dunn's record-breaking 90-yard touchdown run was not enough for the Falcons Sunday, as the Giants rolled to a 27-14 victory.

## Compiled by staff

The New York Giants beat the Atlanta Falcons at their own game as Tiki Barber rushed for 185 yards. The Giants scored 24 unanswered points in the second half en route to a 27-14 victory.

The Falcons controlled the first half and looked to take over the game in the second half when running back Warrick Dunn scored a record breaking 90-yard touchdown run. It gave the Falcons a 14-3 lead in the third quarter.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning relied on the legs of Tiki Barber and the sure hands of tight end Jeremy Shockey on scoring drives of 80 and 90 yards, shredding an Atlanta defense that had only given up one offensive touchdown in four games.

Falcons quarterback Michael Vick never got in rhythm, getting sacked seven times and committing two turnovers.

After Warrick Dunn's record touchdown run in the third quarter, it was all New York.

Brandon Jacobs' two yard touchdown run began New York's offensive domination.

The Falcons offense went three and out three consecutive times, doing nothing to help a worn out Atlanta defense that gave up 240 second half yards and was on the field for 18 minutes.

A catch in the endzone by Jeremy Shockey helped drown the Falcons and put the Giants ahead for good making the score 17-14.

It was the first time Atlanta played with a healthy defensive line as John Abraham returned after sitting out for five weeks with a strained groin. He left in fourth quarter after tightening up again.

The Falcons homestand continues as they prepare to take on the reigning Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers next Sunday.

# Basketball prepares for 2006 season

## GSU News Service

For Georgia Southern basketball fans, it's been a long seven months since the conclusion of the 2005-06 season which saw the Eagles reach the NCAA postseason for the first time in 14 years. But Friday afternoon marked the beginning of a new season as GSU began practicing in preparation for the season opener Nov. 12.

"I think everybody's excited," said head coach Jeff Price. "The first practice will be interesting because we have a lot of newcomers and we're going to need some patience. Our returning guys with experience are going to have to lead those guys."

One of the challenges for Price and the Eagles will be replacing last season's Southern Conference Player of the Year, Elton Nesbitt.

"Last year's team had great chemistry," Price said. "I don't want to have the type of team where someone thinks they have to be like Elton Nesbitt. We have to do it by committee and guys have to play together. This week we'll see someone emerge as a leader but it doesn't have to happen right now."

The team loses three seniors and brings in seven new players.

"I think the biggest concern on our team is depth. Last year we were bringing seniors off the bench and this year it will be all new guys. Some of these new guys will have to step up and contribute right away."

Price said the team will focus on the defensive aspect of the game early on.

"We're going to start like we did last year - our practices were primarily about defense. Because of that,

we had our best defensive year since I've been here."

The 2006-07 season begins Nov. 12 vs. UC Davis in Durham, N.C. The game will be seen on ESPN.

The Lady Eagles held their first practice Saturday to get ready for the Nov. 12 season and home opener.

"It's the first day of practice, the kids are really excited and enthusiastic, and that's the way we want it," said 11 year Head Coach Rusty Cram. "So, right now everything's looking pretty good."

Though the Lady Eagles lost three of last year's seniors, this year's squad returns a talented bunch of players - juniors, sophomores and freshmen - who started out today's practice very focused on defense.

"There's no question. Defense is where we're starting first. And that's going to be our 'bread and butter,'

we feel like."

With four weeks to prepare for the first game of the season versus Stetson, Cram expects all of the time and resources that go into a strong defense will lead to good results on offense.

"If you can create a few extra buckets on defense by being aggressive on presses, from run-and-jump, then we're going to cause some turnovers and get some buckets out of that," said Cram. "But the offense will come; that's just going to take time. And we'll spend as much time on that down the road. Right now we're just concentrating entirely on defense."

The last time the Lady Eagles opened their season at home, they defeated USC Aiken, 61-58, back in November 2003.

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