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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006

Congress goes blue

50 % VOTER TURNOUT FOR BULLOCH COUNTY

CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE

JOHN BARROW 51 %

MAX BURNS 49 %

* Not final result
96 % of precincts reported votes at press time

GOVERNOR

SONNY PERDUE 64.79 %

MARK TAYLOR 32.53 %

GARRETT HAYES 2.47 %

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

CASEY CAGLE 62.85 %

JIM MARTIN 35.02 %

ALLEN BUCKLEY 2.09 %

SECRETARY OF STATE

KAREN HANDEL 61.21 %

GAIL BUCKNER 36.17 %

KEVIN MADSEN 2.60 %

ATTORNEY GENERAL

THURBERT BAKER 53.82 %

PERRY MCGUIRE 46.15 %

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

TOMMY IRVIN 51.08 %

GARY BLACK 47.18 %

JACK CASHIN 1.72 %

LABOR COMMISSIONER

BRENT BROWN 50.13 %

MIKE THURMOND 49.83 %

STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

KATHY COX 69.39 %

DENISE MAJETTE 27.68 %

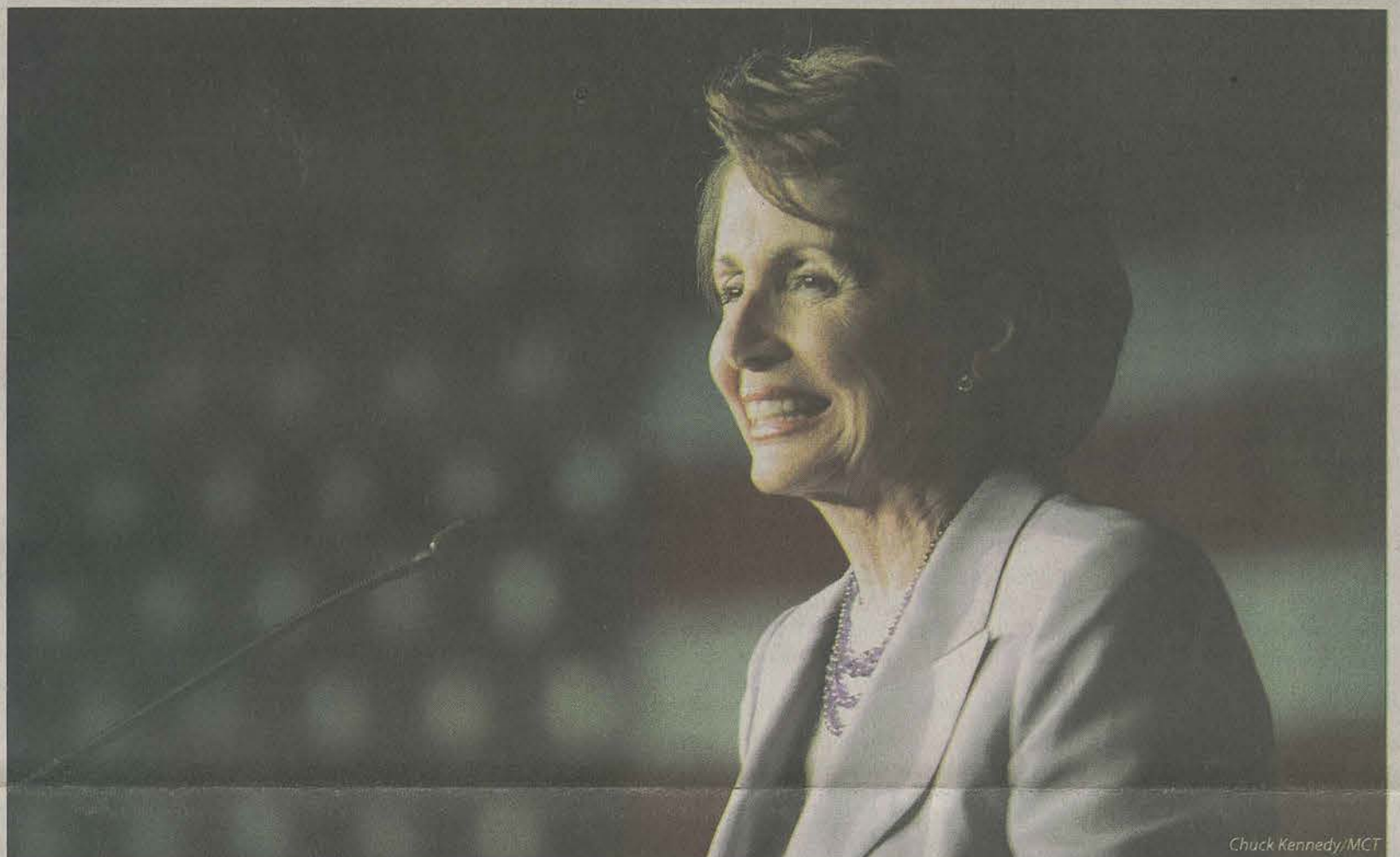
DAVID CHASTAIN 2.89 %

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

JOHN OXENDINE 71.84 %

GUY DREXINGER 28.13 %

*Numbers recorded from Election Summary Report at 10:38 p.m.



Chuck Kennedy/MCT

The now- Majority leader in the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks during an election night party in Washington D.C., Tuesday.

Long night for poll staffers

By Casey Altman
Senior staff writer

Yesterday was a busy day for Bulloch County Election Superintendent, Judge Lee DeLoach and the staff and volunteers at the polls. According to DeLoach, the polls were busy early in the day, but voter turnout was only at 50 percent this year compared to 53 percent voter turnout in the 2004 elections.

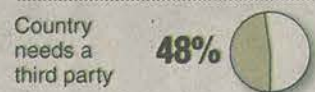
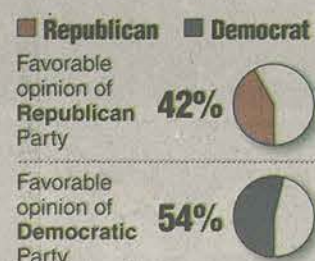
DeLoach walked into work at 6 a.m. He visited all the bigger precincts and a few of the smaller ones to oversee the operations. He did not leave the Bulloch County Courthouse until after 11:30 p.m. when all the ballots were counted.

"It's been eventful," he said. DeLoach said that there were no real problems, but a lot of interesting situations throughout the day.

Deputy Registrar Shontay Jones answered voters' questions and helped tally votes after voting ended.

Party politics

Results of a recent poll of American's attitudes toward the two major political parties:



"The phone didn't stop ringing back to back until 6:20 p.m. and I couldn't even tell you how many people came over after because the lines were busy and they couldn't get through," said Jones.

Chief Clerk for the Bulloch County Probate Court Patricia Lanier said many people simply wanted to know where they

needed to go to vote.

There were some who had trouble because they were not registered in Bulloch County and some wanted to register the day of elections. At 7 p.m. the polls closed and DeLoach's staff began tallying the votes.

According to Lanier, who has been a

poll officer for 21 years, memory cards were programmed for each precinct and loaded into the ballot computers. After the voters cast their votes and the polls closed, the memory cards were carried to the courthouse and were loaded into another computer. The staff then printed summary reports from the information on the cards.

Once all 18 precincts had turned in their cards, it did not take long for the ballots to be counted. The votes had been tallied by 11:30 p.m.

Timmy and Julie Rushing were at the courthouse to get the results. "We're here to relay the outcome to Gnats Landing," they said. The couple shared the results with county commissioners at the restaurant.

Summary reports were printed periodically between 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Once all the precincts were in it did not take long for the ballots to be calculated.

Preparing for the future: Grad Fair today

By Ditoria Geddis
Staff writer

The Office of Career Services and the College of Graduate Studies will host the fourth annual Graduate School Fair today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The fair provides information on graduate school options. Representatives from Georgia Southern and 45 other colleges will be present. GSU will have eight college tables for the different concentrations. They will answer any questions regarding the application process and graduate degrees offered.

"Getting a higher education allows students to earn more opportunities

career wise," said Amy Rowell, assistant director of career services.

According to Rowell, juniors and seniors need to be there to begin exploring their graduate school options.

"Students start applying and researching graduate schools early before their graduation, in November or December because of application deadlines," said Rowell.

Everyone is invited to participate. Faculty members are encouraged to bring classes that meet during the time of the event and ask students to attend as a class assignment.

Jessica Goosman, senior biology major said, "I've gone in the past, it was a see FAIR, page 3

Graduate School Fair

9 - 1 p.m.

Russell Union Ballroom

A student speaks to a Grad Fair job representative at a past job fair.

File Photo



It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Mercury?

By Justin Burris
Staff Writer

Cold weather starting to creep in? Galaxies follow cycles just as the Earth does, only on a much larger scale.

Today, the planet Mercury will be passing by our sun from around 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

According to Becky Lowder of the Georgia Southern planetarium, "This event happens only 13 times a century, and won't happen again until 2016," she said.

This year GSU will have a viewing of the transit outside of the union, near the pedestrian and another area in front of the planetarium.

The events will begin at 2 p.m., with Mercury coming into sight shortly afterwards.

Since Mercury will be visible by looking at the sun and seeing it pass there, the viewing will be conducted with special telescopes that allow you to look at it without hurting your eyes.

Lowder also stated that in case of cloud cover or rain out, the event will take place from inside the planetarium, via a live NASA feed.

According to spaceweather.com, the planet Mercury is one we still do not know much about.

The last real close up look of the planet was in the mid-70s when Mariner 10 traveled past it, and it still only captured only 45 percent of the surface.

Another mystery that Mercury keeps is a material that is located at its poles that gives off strong responses when pinged from earth.

These and other mysteries will not be revealed until at least 2011 when the Messenger probe will pass by the planet.

This event is a great opportunity to get out and see what the planet Mercury looks like when sized against the sun, and also how the sun looks without it making you go blind.

For more information, check out the site spaceweather.com or SOHO's site www.nascom.nasa.gov.

Transit of Mercury Event

• Today from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the planetarium, located in the Math and Physics building on campus.

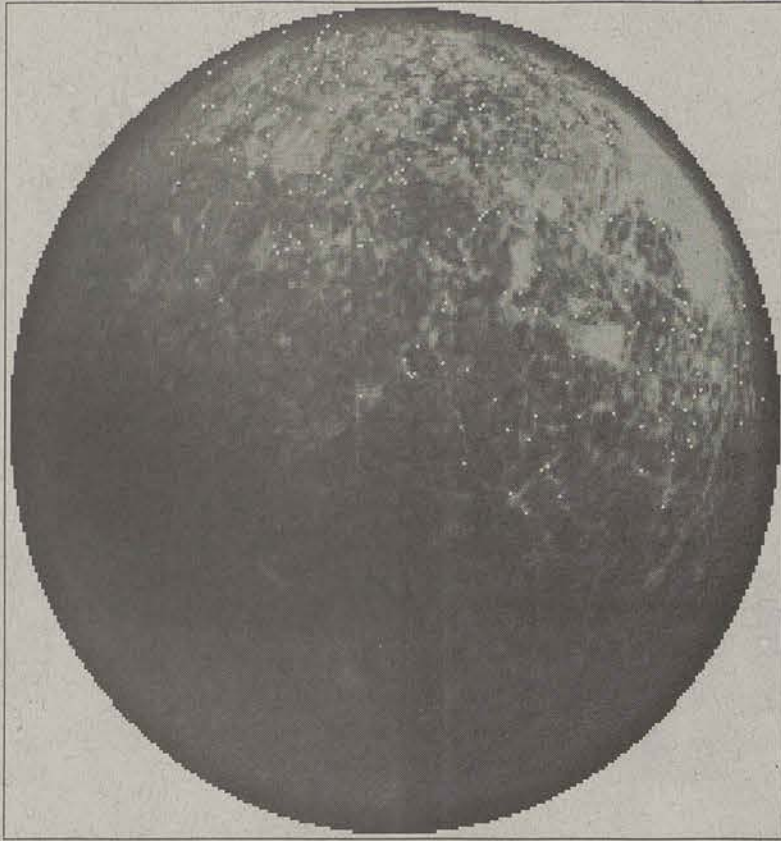
• Admission is free and the event will take place rain or shine

gov.

GSU's telescopes will be equipped with the correct lenses for viewing so if you plan to observe the transit on your own be sure you have the proper filters or you may experience severe eye damage.

The planetarium is located in the Math and Physics building.

For more information, go to <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/planetarium/events.html>.



Special photo

Mercury is the planet closest to the sun and the smallest planet in the solar system. It will be studied today at the Planetarium beginning at 2 p.m.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 8

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Graduate school fair
Russell Union Ballroom

10 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Red Cross blood drive
Williams Center Dining Hall

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Children's Vegetable Garden
Botanical Garden

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
National French Week
Nessmith Lane 2911

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Art department lectures
Arts building auditorium 2071

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Student Government meeting
Russell Union 2047

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Greek awards banquet
Russell Union Ballroom

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bobby Gonzalez:
"The Untold Story"
Education Lecture Hall

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
"Everybody's doing it, right?"
IT Auditorium 1004

Thursday, November 9

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Flu vaccine clinic
Russell Union 2041

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
American government
special event
IT Auditorium 1004

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Jazz band concert

POLICE BEAT

11-06-2006

- Jason Beebe, 18, of Eagle Village, was charged with theft by taking.
- Brian D. Horne, 18 of Eagle Village, was charged with theft by taking.
- Trevor Paul Smith, 18, of Winburn Hall, was charged with theft by taking.
- A vehicle was scratched on Olympic Boulevard.

Math professor awarded

GSU News Service

An assistant professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Georgia Southern has been honored by a state organization. Susie Lanier is the 2006 recipient of the John Neff Award, which is presented annually by the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (GCTM).

The GCTM encourages an active interest in mathematics and mathematics education. The organization also promotes ongoing professional development and rewards excellence in the teaching of mathematics in Georgia.

The Neff Award is presented to a GCMT member who demonstrates excellence as a full-time postsecondary instructor. The recipient inspires

students and serves as a mentor and advocate of mathematics and mathematics education. Lanier has been a member of Georgia Southern's faculty for 23 years.

She teaches math content courses for math education majors. In addition, Lanier serves as chairperson of the GSU Math Tournament, an annual event that attracts hundreds of middle and high school students to the university campus.

Lanier received a B.S. and an M.S.T. in mathematics education from GSU. She earned a Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Georgia. The award is named for John Neff, a long-time member of the School of Mathematics at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

LET US INTRODUCE...

E. Sonny Butler, professor, information technology

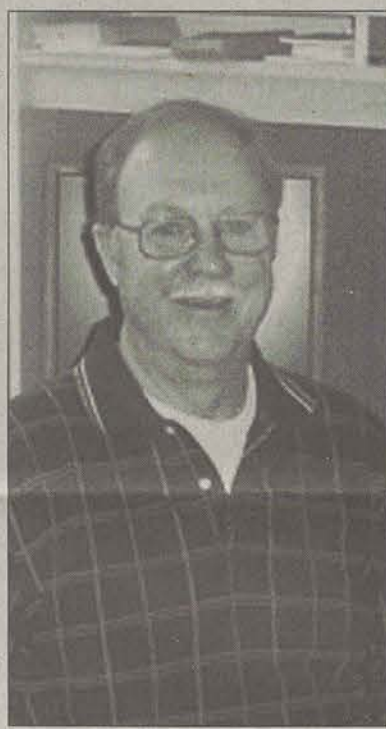
Name: E. Sonny Butler
Department: IT
Education: BS at University of Nebraska, MS At George Washington, PhD at University of North Texas

How did you find GSU?
"At a conference."

How long have you been here?
"Five years."

What's your largest class?
"30 students"

What class do you enjoy teaching the most?
"I enjoy all of my classes this semester. One deals with network security and the other discusses issues in IT and what the future holds."



Professor E. Sonny Butler

When you aren't teaching, what occupies your time?
"Golf and research."

Besides studying and attending lectures, what should students do to pass your class?
"Read various publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Fortune, etc. You need to explore yourself to as much information as possible."

If you could teach anywhere, where would you teach and why?
"I haven't really thought about it. I am happy here right now and enjoy the environment."

What's the best part of your job?
"Interesting with interesting students. Students that want to learn keeps you (instructor) focused and interested."

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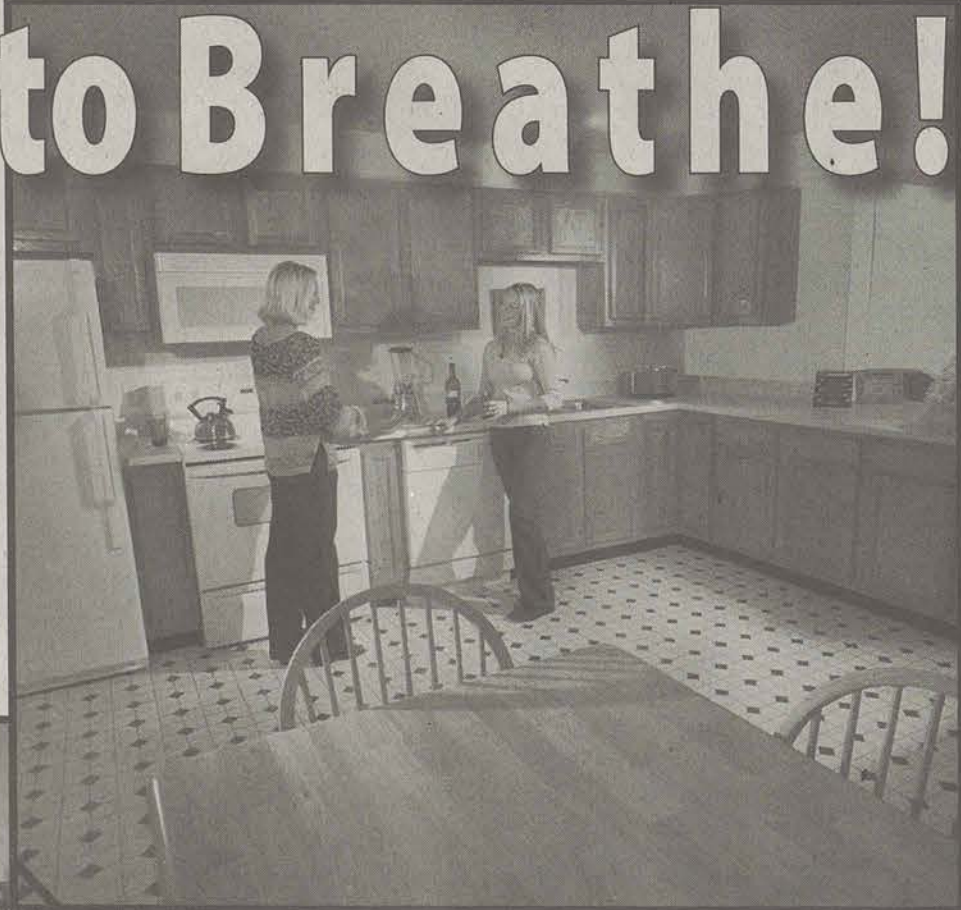
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RAs: Energetic, enthusiastic students needed to be Resident Advisors for Spring 2007. Resident Advisors (RAs) are vital members of the Georgia Southern Department of Housing staff. The RA is a live-in member of the Department of University Housing groups of students in apartment. The RA is primarily involved in creating a positive community environment. To accomplish this, the RA is expected to play a variety of constantly changing roles. The RA must be flexible and creative in meeting residents' needs by serving as a counselor, advisor, activity programmer, educator and friend. The position requires serious time commitment and willingness to be available and accessible to other students.

Benefits: Each RA receives a stipend each semester. The Spring 2007 stipends is \$1875.00. RAs are guaranteed on-campus housing at a discounted rate (See rates in the RA application for specific buildings). Position starts January 2, 2007.

Non-tangible Benefits: the opportunity to interact with a variety of people and the chance to develop employer desired skills such as leadership, verbal and written communication, organization, time management, confrontation and decision-making skills.

RA Attributes: RAs should possess many of the following attributes to be successful in the RA position: Reliable, Flexible, Motivated, Creative, Enthusiastic, Friendly, Confident, Mature, Team player, Open to new ideas, Positive work ethic, and Solid academic standing.

Applications due November 21, 2006 for Spring 2007 openings

Applications for Fall 2007 openings are due on February 1, 2007

For more information, application, and reference forms visit the
University Housing web-site at:
www.gsuhousing.com

STATE REFERENDAS

STATE REFERENDUM A

"To expand the ad valorem tax exemption for farm equipment"

YES 64.38 %

STATE REFERENDUM B

"To expand the ad valorem exemption for veterans organizations to include organizations which refurbish and operate historic military aircraft for educational purposes"

YES 77.21 %

STATE REFERENDUM C

"To expand the ad valorem tax exemption for property of charitable institutions"

YES 74.02 %

STATE REFERENDUM D

"To provide a homestead exemption to certain residents who are senior citizens with respect to state ad valorem taxes."

YES 90.78 %

STATE REFERENDUM E

"To provide a homestead exemption for the surviving spouse of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty"

YES 85.89 %

STATE REFERENDUM F

"To provide that a surviving spouse shall be entitled to a continuation of the base year value under a base year assessed value homestead exemption"

YES 91.54 %

Fair

from page 1

good experience. I met with the representative from UGA to talk about veterinarian school, and they provided me with a lot of additional information and contact information."

Some professors believe the fair is a good opportunity for GSU students. "Students should take advantage of the facility in which they already attend," said Sandra Nettles, interim dean and professor. "I urge student to take advantage of the graduate fair, but to keep in mind GSU is a great institution."

For a complete listing of the universities attending, visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>. For more information regarding graduate school, contact Rowell at (912) 681-5197 or at awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Managing Editor of Operations. The George-Anne needs a managing editor of operations for the spring. Knowledge and experience in journalism is highly recommended. Duties include assisting with page layout, writing articles and overseeing newspaper operations.

Assistant News Editor. The George-Anne needs an assistant news editor for the spring. Applicants should be reliable, looking for journalistic experience with layout, editing and news reporting. Applicant should also be available for daily office hours and nightly layouts.

Assistant Sports Editor. The George-Anne Sports Department needs an assistant sports editor for the spring. Applicants should be interested in sports and have a good, solid knowledge of sports reporting and writing. We are also looking for writers interested in covering sports beginning in the spring. For more information, e-mail gasperts@georgiasouthern.edu.

Assistant Features Editor. The George-Anne Features Department needs an assistant editor for the spring. Applicants should be outgoing, enthusiastic about entertainment, hardworking, capable of thinking up off the wall ideas, and have solid writing skills. Applicant should be able available for daily office hours and at least one night a week for layouts. Duties include writing articles, assisting with assigning stories, and assisting with layout. Layout experience is a plus.

Staff Writers. The George-Anne needs staff writers. Applicants should be interested in writing about campus and community events. For more information, e-mail ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu.

Advertising Sales Representatives. The George-Anne needs sales representatives. The job is commission-based and requires daily office hours, e-mail and phone correspondence, knowledge of local area businesses, and means of transportation. For more information, e-mail ads1@georgiasouthern.edu.

Resumes need to be turned into room 2023 in the Williams Center. Deadline for application is Friday, November 10, 2006.

NATIONAL NEWS

FBI willing to go undercover in Congress

McClatchy Newspapers

The new chief of the FBI's Criminal Division, which is swamped with public corruption cases, said the bureau is ramping up its ability to catch crooked politicians and might run an undercover sting on Congress.

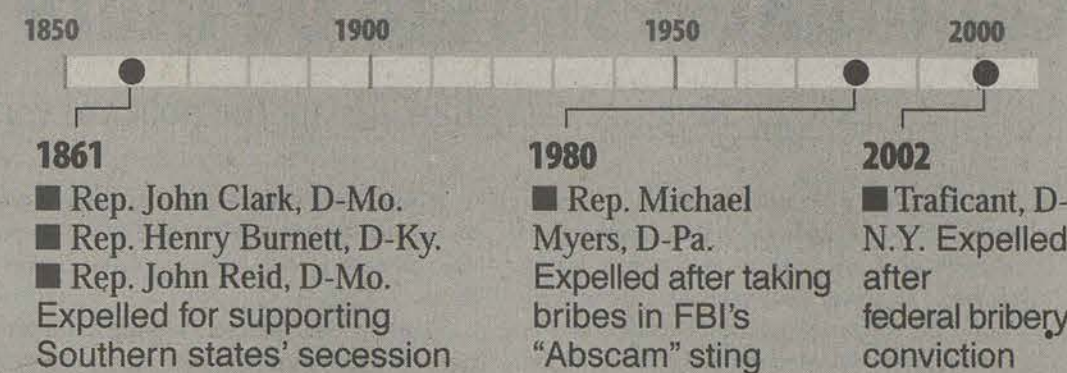
Assistant FBI Director James Burrus called the bureau's public corruption program "a sleeping giant that we've awoken" and predicted the nation will see continued emphasis in that area "for many, many, many years to come."

So much evidence of wrongdoing is surfacing in the nation's capital that Burrus recently committed to adding a fourth 15- to 20-member public corruption squad to the FBI's Washington field office.

In the past year, former Republican Reps. Duke Cunningham and Bob Ney have pleaded guilty to corruption charges. FBI agents are investigating about a dozen other members of Congress, including as many as three senators. The Justice Department also is expected to begin seeking indictments soon after a massive FBI investigation of the Alaska Legislature.

House rarely expels members

James Traficant is the fifth member ever expelled by the U.S. House of Representatives – and only the second since the Civil War.



Source: U.S. House of Representatives Graphic: Chicago Tribune

© 2002 KRT

If conditions warrant, Burrus said, he wouldn't balk at urging an undercover sting like the famed Abscam operation in the late 1970s in which a U.S. senator and six House members agreed on camera to take bribes from FBI agents posing as Arab sheikhs.

"We look for those opportuni-

ties a lot," Burrus said, using words rarely heard at the bureau over the last quarter century. "I would do it on Capitol Hill. I would do it in any state legislature. ... If we could do an undercover operation, and it would get me better evidence, I'd do it in a second."

Philip Heymann, who oversaw the Abscam investigation as chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Division during the Carter administration, expressed surprise to learn of the FBI's willingness to attempt another congressional sting after the outcry from Capitol Hill over Abscam.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clashes in Gaza Strip leave dozens dead

McClatchy Newspapers

The bodies arrived one after another on the shoulders of a seemingly endless river of mourners. One was a small boy weighing no more than 60 pounds, tightly encased in a green Hamas flag. Another was only pieces, placed in a box and hustled down the street on a stretcher.

Spatters of blood stained the white shroud of a third lying on the floor of

an unfinished mosque.

"It is a massacre," Mohammad Hamad, 26, a doctor from the town hospital, said as mourners carried another body into the mosque. "This is the worst thing that has happened to Beit Hanoun."

Palestinians in this small farming town emerged from their homes Tuesday to bury their friends and relatives after the deadliest week in the Gaza Strip since Israel pulled its military

out of the area 13 months ago.

Palestinian medical officials said that at least 20 Palestinian civilians were among the 62 people killed during the six-day military operation, which Israel staged to combat the persistent threat of rudimentary rockets fired by Palestinian militants into southern Israel. About 40 of the dead were militants. One Israeli soldier died.

Because it's one of the closest towns

to the Israeli border, Beit Hanoun is a major militant launching pad. More than a third of the 800 Qassam rockets fired into Israel over the past year were shot from the town, according to the Israeli military.

The Israeli army, in announcing its departure from Beit Hanoun, said the campaign had met its goals by destroying rocket launchers, hitting dozens of militants and capturing caches of weapons.

Abstinence is the Key

Abstinence Week at Georgia Southern University
November 6 – 9, 2006

If You Only Knew...

Monday, Nov. 6, 10 am – 1 pm
Russell Union Commons

Stop by the table and learn about the events that are planned for the week. The Health Education Peer Educators will also be there to promote the benefits of abstinence.

Safe Sex vs. Abstinence

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 pm
Russell Union 2048

The issues of "safe sex" versus abstinence will be candidly discussed. Kenya Beard, a GSU graduate and abstinence educator from the Medical College of Georgia will be here to answer questions and clear up myths.

Everybody's Doing it Right?

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 pm
IT Auditorium 1004

Is it possible to look hot, be fly and still have your V-Card? Jason and Joshua Rogers are D.L.V.F.U. - "Don't Let the Virgin Fool You." Jason and Josh will use their talent of speaking and rapping to promote the message of abstinence.

"40 Days and 40 Nights"

Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 pm
Russell Union Room TBA

Join us for this comedy that chronicles a young man that decides to observe Lent by abstaining from sexual activity. In the mean while, his ex is wants him back and he meets the girl of his dreams.

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OPINION

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"The attack strategy is important in that it is through attack that one takes the initiative in establishing the issues. Attacking gives one the edge in choosing the battleground and the weapons."

- Memo from 1952 Presidential race

OUR VIEW

Candidates should be more mature than Paris and Nicole

AT ISSUE: Negative campaign ads are the political version of celebrity disputes, airing dirty laundry for all to see

We've made it through another year of negative television campaign ads, and this year's ads have been dirtier than ever. According to reports, more than 160 million dollars were spent on negative television ads. These "My opponent" commercials have eroded the trust of voters, wasted money and made border-line voters even more apathetic than ever before.

Ads should be sharing what a candidate can do for the country, not what they do in their spare time, how much they love golf, fishing, or nudie bars. A candidate in Tennessee is the subject of a come-hither wink and a breathy "call me" from a bare-shouldered blonde.

A New Yorker running for Congress was accused of charging "adult fantasy" phone bills to taxpayers, when the call was really a lone mis-dialed number at the cost of \$1.25.

Hopefully, candidates will be embarrassed of this year's campaign negativity, and start focusing on the issues rather than on bashing each other. Candidates seem to be more concerned about throwing negative comments at each other than the issues facing the American people.

Can you remember which candidates support gay marriage, and which candidates are for the War

in Iraq and who supports abortion and who wants a fence on the Mexican border to block out those immigrants supposedly stealing American jobs? No, but you might remember the candidate who allegedly visited a Hooters.

Election ads have become more like the Paris Hilton-Nicole Richie media drama, only it is between the men and women that are supposed to be running this country. If the candidates are mudslinging at one another like the "Simple Life" stars, we may as well have just written Paris Hilton in the write-in section of our ballots.

For once, it would be nice to see a candidate using all of those advertising dollars to do something helpful, like donating to non-profit organizations, or showing support for those who still have no homes after the devastation of Katrina. That would be a campaign ad to get some attention.

Spend less money on making your opponent look bad and more money on actually helping the people of America. At least then the public would know candidates are really out to help people instead of insulting them and eroding voter trust in themselves and other politicians.

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Same-sex bans show U.S. bigotry

Last night citizens all over the United States didn't only vote on who they wanted to represent them for the next two to four years, they also voted on various state issues. One that found itself onto the ballots of eight states was the amendment to "Ban Same-Sex Marriage," and at least seven passed it.

Although I am an extensive fan and supporter of democracy, I still feel that this is a huge loss for our country. Thousands of loving couples will now be denied the over 1,200 rights, benefits and protections provided by legal marriage. The bigots of the U.S. have successfully oppressed thousands of people.

As a supporter of equality, I disagree with the opinions of the oppressors, and I cannot comprehend the logic of the oppressors.

Are they so spiteful that they want to punish homosexuals in their everyday life? Are they so malevolent that they want to prevent equality? Are they so cruel that they are willing to disallow these thousands of rights for no personal gain?

Homosexual partners will continue to be disallowed equality for hospital visits, domestic violence protections, insurance policies, inheritance, leases, annuities, pension plans, Social Security, Medicare, veteran's discounts, joint filing of tax returns or customs claims, wrongful death benefits, and hundreds more...

Same sex marriage isn't an issue of acceptance, or a fight for cultural concurrence. It's about two human beings getting the same legal rights, benefits and protections as any other two human beings, and nothing more.

It's not a fight to maintain or reject religious traditions, as religious unions will retain the dogmas of their churches. It's about two human beings getting the same legal rights, benefits and protections as any other two human beings.

It's not about penetrating current family values, or demeaning household beliefs. It's about two human beings getting the same legal rights, benefits and protections as any other two human beings.

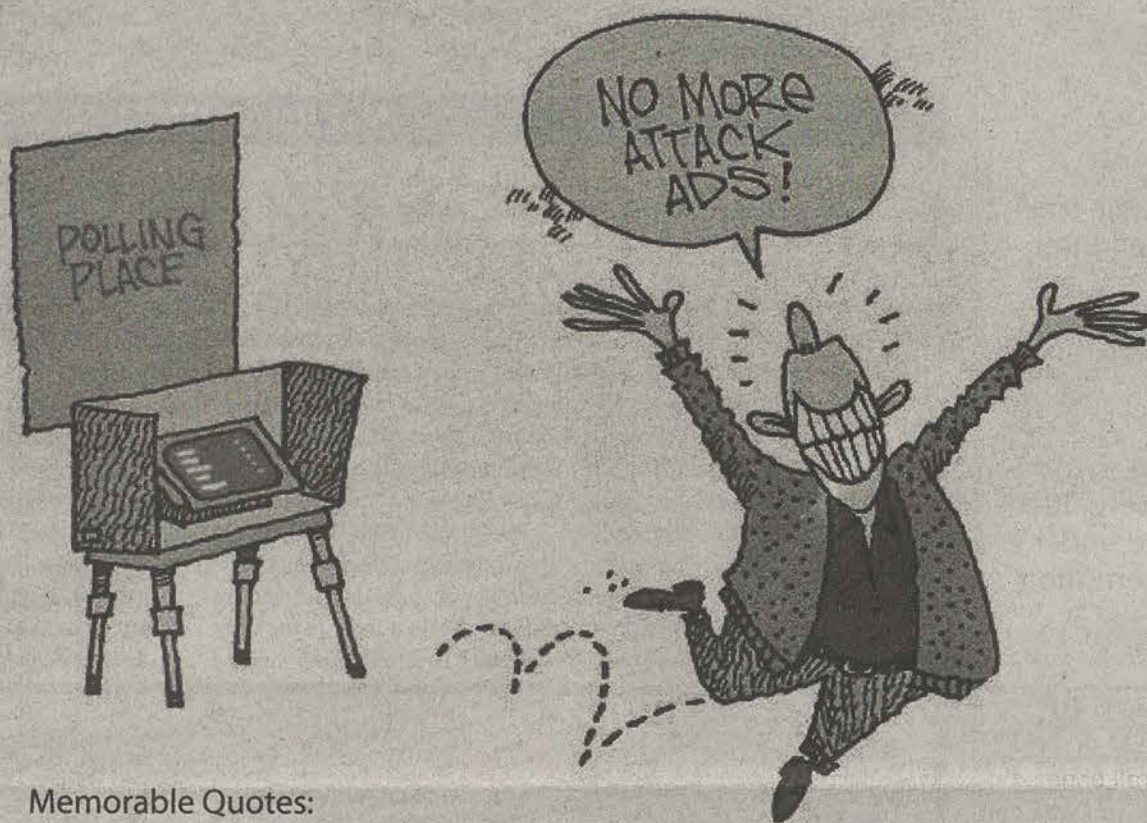
It's not about the ridiculous hazard of interspecies relationships, as all parties will require conclusive consent. It's about two human beings getting the same legal rights, benefits and protections as any other two human beings.

It's not about the removal of national customs, because there will be no cultural changes among citizens. It's about two human beings getting the same legal rights, benefits and protections as any other two human beings.

Homosexuals have no desire to change the traditions and values of everyone else, but they want to be treated equally by law.

This should be an issue with one side, and one side only, "pro." I am ashamed of the citizens of the states that voted in the measure, and sorry for the thousands of people who now have to fight even harder to abolish their own oppression.

Write Brandon at imneat03@gmail.com



Memorable Quotes:

The 2006 election is shaping up into the biggest mudslinger yet, with negative ads accounting for 80 percent of the total in some races, up from 60 percent two years ago, said an Oct. 31 article in Newsweek.

"The 2008 campaign will be the dirtiest ever," predicts Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "There will be no sitting president or vice president running, and the last time that happened was 1928. The mud will be so thick that people won't be able to see their TV screens."

"It plays to the popular conception. The public is cynical and doesn't believe positive ads, the lovely family, the dog and cat and a picnic. An election is based on a mood and you have to match the atmospherics. The public mood this year is that they are totally soured on politicians. One party will win but no one respects them," said political science professor Kathleen Hall from Penn State University.

Reader response:

Protestors not pro-active enough

The day before the president's visit, I was feeling down because I feared that the inevitable protest he would inspire would be nothing more than a travesty. Well, my fears turned out to be correct. The so-called "protest" began at the rotunda outside the Russell Union, a designated "free speech zone."

The right to free speech is arguably the most important right given to people in this country. Yet during the president's visit to Statesboro last week, the protesters were confined to designated "free speech zones." Isn't the whole country supposed to be a "free speech zone?" If the powers that be can decide that certain places are "free speech zones," and others aren't, well, do I even need to say anything else? The protesters didn't challenge the unjust ordinance; they just stood in their space and waved their signs.

When two protesters got a megaphone and encouraged the crowd to march down to Hanner Fieldhouse, the other protesters quickly dragged them down and dismissed them as zealots. When the crowd did finally get the balls to march down to Hanner, they

did little there. They managed to have a nice yelling match with some Bush supporters, then they were ushered across Fair Road so that they would be too far away from Hanner to cause any sort of disturbance.

Nobody bravely marched across the street into the parking lot. Nobody tested the limits. I'm not saying they should have done anything to get themselves a collective face full of pepper spray, but they all just stood there like a bunch of self-righteous wusses, chanting blandly and waving their damn signs.

Among all the "Bush Lies" and "No War for Oil" signs, there were a bunch of people waving John Barrow campaign signs. Real nice. You're supposed to be protesting a corrupt and somewhat oligarchical administration, not promoting a Democrat. I find it despicable that John Barrow supporters would actually think that a protest was the right setting to promote their candidate.

All this made me wonder if the protesters were even taking themselves seriously. A friend of mine who par-

ticipated in the protest said it was "a lot of fun." Was that all it was? A big fake anti-establishment party?

While standing in the group of protestors, I heard one guy say "I drove all the way from Tennessee for this." He was holding a sign with a "W" in the middle with a red circle around it with a line through the middle, thus effectively communicating his displeasure with the current administration's handling of the issues at hand. He didn't even get to see the president. He wasn't being heard, and he wasn't really accomplishing anything. Sounds like a waste of gas.

This isn't the 1960s. We can't expect protestors to be activists, too. This is a very apathetic generation, and it's not because we don't have access to information. Apathy is cool. It's cool not to care about anything. The smart kids care as little about world issues as the dumb kids do. Maybe I should commend the protestors for giving it their all, even though their all seemed pretty pathetic.

GSU student Ernie LoBue

Mitch Albom STRAIGHT SELL

Elections a test of voting processes

Tuesday's elections won't just be a referendum on which party controls Congress. They'll be a test of whether American voting procedures, revamped at the cost of billions of dollars after the hanging-chad disasters of the 2000 election, are trustworthy.

Many jurisdictions dumped their old voting machines in favor of sophisticated electronic devices, but there are troubling signs the new machines can be vulnerable to tampering, prone to glitches and baffling to poll workers.

In early voting in Florida, electronic voting machines repeatedly tried to cast votes for candidates other than the one the voter chose. The Miami Herald quoted an elections official saying it wasn't uncommon for heavily used machines to "slip out of sync," requiring poll workers to shut them down or go through a 15-step process to recalibrate them.

After the 2000 debacle, electronic voting machines seemed to promise major improvements in voting accuracy. But a lack of national standards, and companies' prickly refusal to submit machines to rigorous, open testing - have created doubts.

At a minimum, electronic machines should be required to generate a backup paper trail, and elections officials should conduct random, precinct-level audits to make sure machines are accurately tallying votes. Democracy depends on ensuring that citizens are able to vote with minimum fuss and have confidence that their votes are counted fairly.

Machines aren't the only things that could come between voters and their civic duty. In many states, human beings are doing the job depressingly well. From overly restrictive voter ID requirements to aggressive efforts to challenge the eligibility of certain voters, partisan political operatives are devising new ways to try to keep people away from the polls, under the guise of policing vote fraud. Virtually all of the examples suggest Republican efforts to suppress voting by poor, less educated people who tend to vote for Democrats.

In California, for instance, a campaign aide to a GOP congressional candidate mailed out intimidating letters to naturalized Latino citizens warning them that it is a crime for immigrants to vote. In New York, the Republican Party made such an aggressive challenge to 6,000 voters on Staten Island that even the GOP candidate, whom the challenge was designed to help, was critical.

Laws requiring voters to present identification might seem like a good idea, but they can also present a barrier to voters. When two members of Congress reported difficulties in being allowed to vote during primaries this year, it was a good indication that the rules are overly restrictive.

Get-out-the-vote drives are key in a year such as this. But so, apparently, are campaigns to keep the vote home. You wouldn't know it from the mind-numbing barrage of last-minute political ads, but fewer voters are waiting until Election Day to cast their ballots.

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SPORTS

Will Adams

WHAT'S TALL?

It ain't natural!

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Forget the undefeated record, forget about the No. 3 ranking but do remember that they play in the Big East Conference.



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

There's a chance that Louisville could play for the National Championship game in Glendale, Arizona on Jan. 8, but they just don't deserve to play, whether they're undefeated or not. Period.

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I don't think so!

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I don't want to watch the 'drama' of a mid-major football program like Louisville get destroyed by the Buckeyes for a boring National Title game.

I want something along the lines of Texas vs. USC circa 2006. You know, something that's actually worth watching and tuning in for?

But perhaps the BCS is making up for the controversy surrounding the Auburn Tigers of 2004. Remember they went an unblemished 13-0, led by three first round NFL draft picks and outscored their opponents 417-147 during that season, but they didn't get to play for a National Championship.

So why should Louisville?

They may be undefeated, but that doesn't make them the best team. Auburn was clearly the best team, but couldn't play in the BCS title game.

And who's better you say?

Try one-loss teams like Texas, Tennessee, Auburn, Florida or even two loss Georgia Tech is better than Louisville. They're not playing South Florida, Connecticut or Pittsburgh, they're playing real teams that play real football in real conferences.

It's impossible to be fair to every team in the Top 25, but it's just unrealistic and there's no way to avoid a team getting the short end of the deal.

It's about the level of competition and it's clear that tougher conferences like the Big 12 or SEC deserve a chance to play for the National Title simply because they are tougher or more battle tested teams.

Falcons lose Mathis for season, maybe career

The Atlanta Falcons put veteran defensive back Kevin Mathis on injured reserve Tuesday after he suffered a season and possibly career ending spinal injury in last Sunday's 30-14 loss to the Detroit Lions. The 32-year-old is not expected to require surgery and is expected to make full recovery after getting hurt on the opening kickoff in last weekend's matchup. Atlanta Head Coach Jim Mora cited in Monday's press conference that Mathis had feeling in all of his extremities.



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Lacrosse to become official club sport

By Claire Gallum

Staff writer

When one thinks of college sports, usually what comes to mind are football, basketball, soccer, baseball, etc. The sports that are most glorified on ESPN and in the magazines. But what many people don't know is that there is a sport that combines all of these favorites into one. That sport is lacrosse.

Lacrosse, commonly abbreviated as LAX, is a fairly new sport to Georgia Southern. The Georgia Southern men's lacrosse team is a club that was formed through the CRI program at the RAC. The men's lacrosse team is composed of 20 active members and a coach.

Since the team is very new to Georgia Southern athletics, they are still in the process of becoming an active, full membership club. Head Coach Michael Wilson hopes that will be fully completed by spring, their next season.

"We just have two more official papers to turn in, and I'm hoping to be an official club as early as next week," he said. Despite this, the team has been diligently practicing three days a week for three months now, and has played in six games.

Their most recent match-up was in Augusta this past Sunday. They won their first game against Columbia County, but fell short in their second one to the Columbia Men's Club.

"We did pretty good overall," Wilson said. "We had the basics down, but we do need to improve on our conditioning and overall game sense."

The captain of the team, sophomore Jeff Opila, agrees. "We played with great teamwork, and everyone gave



Cameron Reno/STAFF

Officially becoming a club sport next week, the Georgia Southern men's lacrosse team plays a match against the Columbia Men's Club in Augusta.

100 percent," Opila said.

He also feels the team's togetherness and overall good chemistry together has played a great part in keeping the team together and running smoothly.

"We're all very close and completely rely on each other. It makes it easier when everyone knows what positions they are playing and what they need to know," said Opila.

With their fall season dwindling down, Coach Wilson and Captain Opila have a few words to the people who are interested in this team and how to join. "We have a great team now, but we're definitely looking for more interested people. Anyone with experience or just willing to put in the

effort is welcome. We're joining a league in the spring, and have a really good chance at being competitive with the other teams," Wilson said.

"We definitely are looking for more recruits because we are hoping to hit it hard come spring," said Opila. "We just really want players who are dedicated and will put in the hard work. It doesn't matter how big or small you are, because the small guys have the speed and agility we need, while the larger guys are perfect for defense," he said.

Even though it's Jeff Opila's first year playing college lacrosse, his experience from playing three years of high school lacrosse should be an asset to the team.

Coach Wilson also has extensive playing and coaching experience. He coached girls' lacrosse for a year, boys' high school for two years, and played in high school and for the College of Charleston. Despite the lacrosse's new standing in the Georgia Southern athletic program, it is safe to say many great things will come of this team, and the players.

For anyone interested in club or intramural sports, the rules, regulations and information is listed in detail on the website, <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/CRI/clubs/index.htm>.

This has all the information needed for anyone wanting to participate or start up a new club or team.

Former GSU standout, Elton Nesbitt drafted

GSU News Service

Former Georgia Southern men's basketball All-American, Elton Nesbitt has been selected in the sixth round of the 2006 NBA Development League Draft by the Los Angeles D-Fenders.

The first-year franchise, associated with the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA and led by Coach Dan Panagiotis, opens play Nov. 24 at Anaheim.

Nesbitt was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year in 2006 and guided the team to the National Invitation Tournament, the school's sixth postseason appearance.

He also earned Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America honors and was CollegeInsider.com's Mid-Major Most Valuable Player.

In his senior year, Nesbitt averaged a league-best 21.7 points per game to rank 17 in the nation.

He also helped the Eagles to their third South division title in five years with an 20-8 overall record, 11-8 in SoCon play. His 3.4 three-pointers per contest were 11 best in Division I.

For his career Nesbitt scored 1,731 points for fifth place on the Eagles all-time scoring list and holds numerous school records including career three-pointers (262, tie), free throws (353)



Jared Siri/STAFF

Elton Nesbitt steals the ball away from a defender en route to his distinction as the 2006 Southern Conference Player of the Year.

DeWeerd helps men's tennis finish strong in UCF tourney

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team captured 10 victories in singles and doubles over the weekend at the Central Florida Invitational.

"Overall it was a pretty good weekend," said head coach Justin Miles. "The team atmosphere was good but when it comes down to it, we just need to be a little bit more match-tough and ready for the matches when they start."

After being swept by host, Central Florida on Friday, GSU rebounded to take four of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches from North Florida on Saturday.

On Sunday, facing Florida Atlantic, the Eagles won two singles and two doubles matches.

Emmanuel Nkoueleue picked up his only singles win of the weekend, defeating Matis Sigal (UNF) 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 on Saturday. Joris De Weerd took two out of three singles matches, beating Yuiti Lopes (UNF) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 and Corey Smith (FAU) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Greg Bekkers won his Saturday match 7-6 (6), 6-0 over Glen Marshall (UNF) and Philip Prins defeated David Irvin (UNF) 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2. Neil Shine picked up his win on Sunday against Lawrence Harradine (FAU) 6-0, 2-0 (ret.).

Nkoueleue/Prins had two doubles victories on the weekend, defeating Irvin/Sigal (UNF) 8-3 and Smith/Szumlo (FAU) 8-5. Bekkers/De Weerd also picked up a pair of doubles wins, beating Lopes/Marshall (UNF) 8-2 and Majcher/Vardag (FAU) 8-6.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Athletics to leave Oakland for Fremont

Major League Baseball and the Oakland Athletics are expected to announce plans for a new stadium that will be built about 30 miles to the south in Fremont, California. The San Jose Mercury News is reporting that a 143 acre site is being examined as a possibility for the Athletics new 36,000 seat stadium that could cost as much as \$300 million.

Questions may arise however because Fremont is near the city limits of San Jose, which is considered a marketable city for the San Francisco Giants.

As of 2006, the Athletics are in a year-to-year lease with McAfee Stadium in Oakland and are under contract until 2010.

Coming of another postseason appearance and making it to the American League Championship Series, the Athletics look to take advantage of a much wealthier Fremont, despite being over 100,000 people less populated than Oakland.

Quote of the week

"I wish I had been closer to the play because I would have loved to take DeAngelo Hall's head off. I promise that if I see him on the field again, I'll try to take his head off. I don't care if it is 10 or 15 years from now, and we're playing for different teams -- I'll try to get him!"

Dominic Raiola, Center for the Detroit Lions



Special Photo

Six year veteran center for the Detroit Lions, Dominic Raiola reacts to the hit on quarterback Jon Kitna by DeAngelo Hall in the third quarter of a 30-14 win over the Atlanta Falcons last Sunday.

This week in SPORTS

LOCAL

Friday

Mens and Women's tennis at North Florida Invitational, 12 p.m.

Saturday

Swimming and Diving vs. Campbell/Brenau, 11 a.m.
Football at Furman, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Appalachian State, 4 p.m.

Sunday

Women's basketball vs. Stetson, 5 p.m.

NCAA Men's

Basketball

Preseason AP Top 25

1. Florida	0-0
2. North Carolina	0-0
3. Kansas	0-0
4. Pittsburgh	0-0
5. LSU	0-0
6. UCLA	0-0
7. Ohio State	0-0
8. Georgetown	0-0
9. Wisconsin	0-0
10. Arizona	0-0
11. Alabama	0-0
12. Duke	0-0
13. Texas A&M	0-0
14. Memphis	0-0
15. Boston College	0-0
16. Marquette	0-0
17. Washington	0-0
18. Connecticut	0-0
19. Creighton	0-0
20. Syracuse	0-0
21. Texas	0-0
22. Kentucky	0-0
23. Georgia Tech	0-0
24. Nevada	0-0
25. Tennessee	0-0

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