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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Waiting for the smoke to clear

Firefighters struggle to control unruly Cypress Lake marsh fire

By Jenny Miller
Staff writer

A forest fire off Cypress Lake Road has been burning for three days and probably will not be totally under control for another two, according to the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Smoke was visible from campus and had several people wondering where it was coming from. No homes or people have been harmed in the flames, but the location of the fire, along the soft Cypress Lake marsh, has made the fire difficult to combat.

Sixty firefighters from Bulloch County and eight surrounding counties are working to control the fire, which has burned approximately 100 acres since it began Sunday evening. The Cypress Lake area is 700 acres total. Vernon Owens, district supervising ranger of the Georgia Forestry Commission, said they spotted the blaze by air patrol.

There is an investigation under way to determine if the cause of the fire could have been arson, but so far, firefighters have ruled it out.

The suspected cause of the fire is sparks from a chainsaw, but this report is unconfirmed, said Chief Ranger Byron Haire, also of the Georgia Forestry Commission.

The area around Cypress Lake is murky and wet, making it particularly difficult to get the burn under control.

Because the area has been inaccessible, a helicopter was brought in from Macon, where the Forestry Commission's central office is located, to dump water on the area. The helicopter can dump approximately 125 gallons at a time, with a three to five minute turnaround to refuel at the Statesboro Airport.

"There has been an extreme drought in the area," said Haire. "The unusual conditions mixed with the humidity make the area moist and easy to burn."

Forest fires are most prominent during the winter season, October through March. Winds in February and March make it particularly bad because of the higher airflow in those months.

The area departments have been work-



Above: Leon Lonon, a Ranger 1 Firefighter for the Georgia Forestry Commission, walks through the burning Cypress Lake marsh area to check out the firefighters' progress.

Right: Lonon digs a wide trench around the burning fire. He calls these trenches "fire breaks," dug out to try to keep the fire from expanding outwards any further. Lonon explains that when the fire hits these fire breaks, it won't continue past them because there won't be anything in the trenches for the fire to burn. Lonon has been fighting fires for the past 14 years and is currently helping control the Cypress Lake fire.

Photos by Grayson Hoffman/STAFF



Author tells of life with AIDS

Man finds humor in his realization that his HIV diagnosis was not a death sentence

By Emily Nunn
McClatchy Newspapers

If you think there's nothing funny about hemophilia or HIV, Shawn Decker thinks you're probably not much fun yourself.

"I know a lot of people think things that have happened to me have been tragic," Decker said recently, while in town to promote "My Pet Virus: The True Story of a Rebel Without a Cure," his wry, self-deprecating book about growing up during the early AIDS era as a "thinblood" and "positoid" — terms he coined to replace labels he dislikes, such as hemophiliac and HIV positive. "But I think there are some funny aspects to it," he said.

At 31, Decker has outlived his original prognosis by almost 20 years, and he feels well enough, in spite of bouts of fatigue, to race around the country with his wife, Gwen Barringer, promoting his book (he was on the way to the 58th Annual Hemophiliac Convention, in Philadelphia, where he claimed to be receiving the Best Nosebleed Award, which does not actually exist) and, on this day, downing a cheeseburger and a glass of wine at Naha. He passed when offered a green salad.

"It's part of my longevity," he joked.

But back in 1987, at age 11, Decker said that he was kicked out of 6th grade in his rural Virginia hometown when he was diagnosed with the then relatively unfamiliar HIV, the result of tainted blood-product treatment for his hemophilia, which had already turned his childhood into a hothouse life of trips to the doctor's office and dangerous nosebleeds.

When he was finally allowed back on the premises, to start 7th grade, police were parked out front and a flier was distributed announcing that a student with the AIDS virus was enrolled. As if junior high weren't excruciating enough.

"Everyone thinks HIV is going to change you, you're going to look in the mirror and see it. But no," Decker said, with an apparent lack of self-pity. "When I went through puberty, though, that freaked me out. My complexion — what is going on here? I hated that much more than the HIV thing." Also, he adds, "I had Nintendo. I was well taken care of."

On the other hand, Decker vowed the day he returned to school that he would never talk about HIV again — a 12-year-old's heartbreaking attempt to protect himself. Which didn't stop him from wondering "how painful is this ... you know ... death going to be for me," he said. During those early years, "they didn't show people with HIV riding bikes and climbing mountains, the way they do now. Anytime they showed people with HIV they were in the hospital, dying from AIDS."

The vow of silence lasted a full 10 years — eight years longer, he notes in the book, than anyone thought he would ever live, and much longer than a huge percentage of HIV-positive "thinbloods" of his generation, who died as a result of tainted blood, long before treatments were available, in 1996 (Decker himself wasn't diagnosed with AIDS until 1999).

But when he finally opened up about his condition, at age 20, his life opened up, too, in amazing ways.

see HIV, page 8

'Hamlet... a la commedia!' hits the GSU stage

GSU Theatre and Performance presents Hamlet's non-comedic 'commedia'



GSU News Service

"To be, or not to be?"

These immortal words from Shakespeare's Hamlet are instantly recognizable to many.

Starting today, they will be spoken in a new and different way when Georgia Southern Theatre and Performance presents "Hamlet... a la commedia!"

Despite the name, this production of Hamlet is not a comedy. It is the creation of Kelli Melson, a guest director from the University of Exeter in England.

Melson has studied the theatrical style known as commedia dell'arte in Italy and France, and is excited to bring her vision of Hamlet to GSU.

"[Hamlet] is a play about theatre, see **HAMLET**, page 5



Far left: Kenneth Wigley, as Hamlet, and Carla Selden, as Gertrude, rehearse Tuesday in preparation for their opening performance today.

Left: Eric Stetson is shown rehearsing his part Tuesday night in preparation for the casts' opening night.

Photos by Jared Siri/STAFF

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 15

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Women's Appreciation Day
Russell Union Rotunda

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Cultural Book Club
Russell Union 2044

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Children's vegetable garden
Botanical Garden

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Safe Haven forum
Russell Union 2044

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
SGA meeting
Russell Union 2047

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Man on Male forum
Russell Union 2052

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Anime Crew meeting
Russell Union 2044

Thursday, November 16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Student life workshop
Nessmith Lane 2908

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
International club meeting
Russell Union 2084

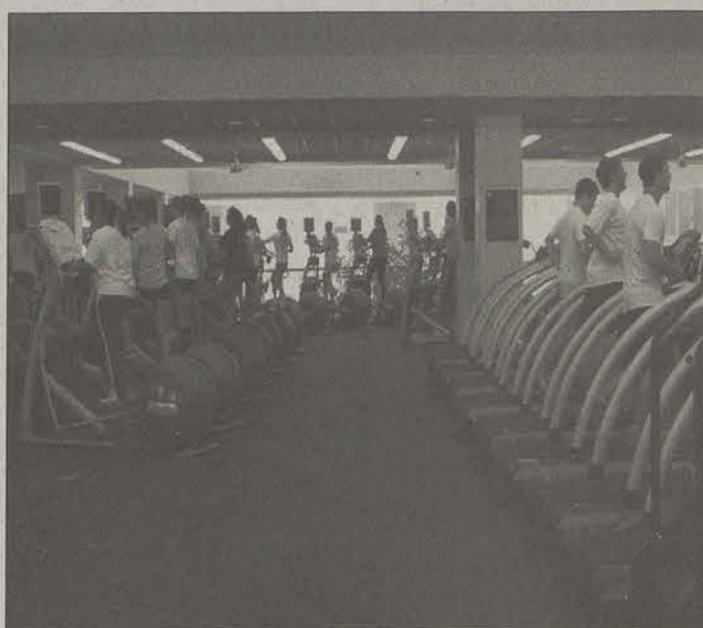
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
New Slavery in a Global Economy
Nessmith Lane Banquet room

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Traditions and Spirit
Russell Union 2052

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
MAP Thanksgiving banquet
Russell Union Ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Movie: Superman Returns
Russell Union Theater

Walk away pounds for your health



STAFF/Jared Siri

Students walk their way to health in the new addition of the RAC.



Special to the G-A

Remember back when you were two, years old that is? For most that was when you started walking. It was the beginning of some very great adventures.

The time is right to begin walking again; walking for your health. This physical activity is for almost everyone. Walking can be considered physical activity and/or exercise.

Physical activity is any body move-

ment produced by skeletal muscles that uses energy and can be related to your occupation, leisure pursuits and routine daily activities. Regular participation in moderate to higher intensity physical activity will improve your health, decrease your risk for certain diseases and might improve your fitness.

The key concept is reducing your risk for heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure, among others. If you think you are already a walker, but the walking is to class, across the parking lot or a couple of blocks to the store is the kind of walking you are doing then you are probably strolling.

This is a great start, but does not provide adequate stimulation for your heart and lungs. Fitness walking is typically done at 3 to 5 miles per hour. This then becomes your first goal for beginning your walking program.

"Walking provides a great break in the work day," said Jody Rushing, secretary for Health and Kinesiology, who walks during her lunch break.

It is fine to start out walking, or strolling, for ten minutes at a time and then, over the next couple of weeks, increase the time and then the pace of your walking. To improve your cardiovascular fitness you need to walk at a faster pace three or four days per week.

If you are walking for weight loss then increase your time to 45-60 minutes per day for at least five days per week. Remember to make sure you have plenty of fluids and stretch major muscle groups after you finish walking. You do not have to leave our beautiful campus to start walking. Check out the CRI website - <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cr/fit/walking.htm> for walking trails adventures.

'The Kite Runner' presented as part of International Week

Lauren Childs

Staff writer

As a part of International Week, the Multicultural Student Center is hosting its third annual Cultural Book Club discussion today at noon in Russell Union room 2044.

"The book club is a way for participants to broaden their cultural scope by building a cultural reading list," said Consuela Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

Dr. Joseph Barjis, an assistant professor in the department of information technology, will discuss "The Kite Runner."

"The Multicultural Center decided to discuss this book as not only an

exemplary work of literature, but as an introduction of a new culture to our GSU community," said Barjis.

"The Kite Runner," written by Khaled Hosseini and published in 2003, is a novel illustrating a moving portrait

of modern Afghanistan. It portrays the effects of politics on the people and culture of Afghanistan.

This is the first novel written in English by an Afghan American.

"This discussion is not only about a widely rewarded prose and New York Times number one bestseller, but an introduction to a culture, customs and country that became a turning point

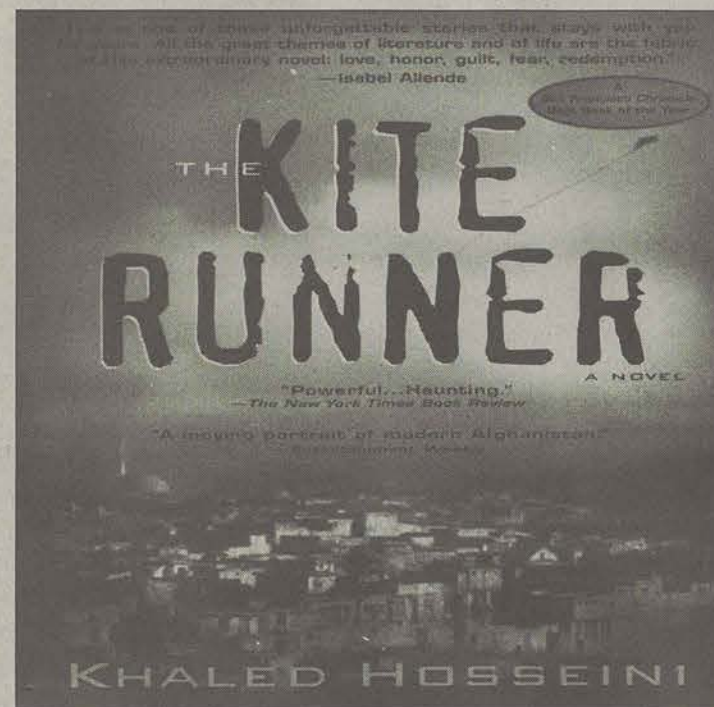
of our life in the new millennium," said Barjis.

Many academic institutions, including Georgia Southern, have adapted this novel for reading, discussions and student assignments. This novel is also widely used by GSU faculty members.

"This book is among rare novels where love and hatred, honor and disgrace, pride and guilt, sacrifice and selfishness are intertwined as fibers of a life," said Barjis. "This novel is about precious customs and traditions somewhere far from here, somewhere that matters to you, to me, and to all of us, because it is a part of our human society."

Barjis will talk briefly about the different ethnic groups of Afghanistan and the structure of sophisticated Afghan society, as a prologue to his discussion.

He will also briefly introduce the contribution of the Persian literature to the richness of world literature.



Special photo

Khaled Hosseini's bestselling book "The Kite Runner" will be presented today by Joseph Barjis, an associate professor in the IT department.

Holiday Evening Meal Landrum Court

Wednesday, Nov. 15

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Soups

Cider Mulled Eggplant and Butternut Bisque
Roasted Chicken, Winter Vegetables Pearl Barley

Salads

Iceberg Wedge with Balsamic Vinaigrette Maytag
Blue Cheese, Crumbled Bacon, Herb Croutons
Mescaline Greens with Cucumber ribbons,
Grape Tomatoes, Raspberry Vinaigrette
Orzo and Arugula with Sun-dried Tomatoes
International & Domestic Fruit and Cheeses
Display of Smoked Seafood

Hot Buffet

Cornbread Dressing
Green Bean Casserole
Basmati and Wild Rice Pilaf
Thyme Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Root Vegetables
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes with Herbed Merlot Au Jus
Citrus Spiked Roasted Chicken with Thyme, Sauteed Spaghetti Squash
and Roast Mushrooms Au Jus
Atlantic Halibut with Braised Fennel, Tomato, and Goat Cheese

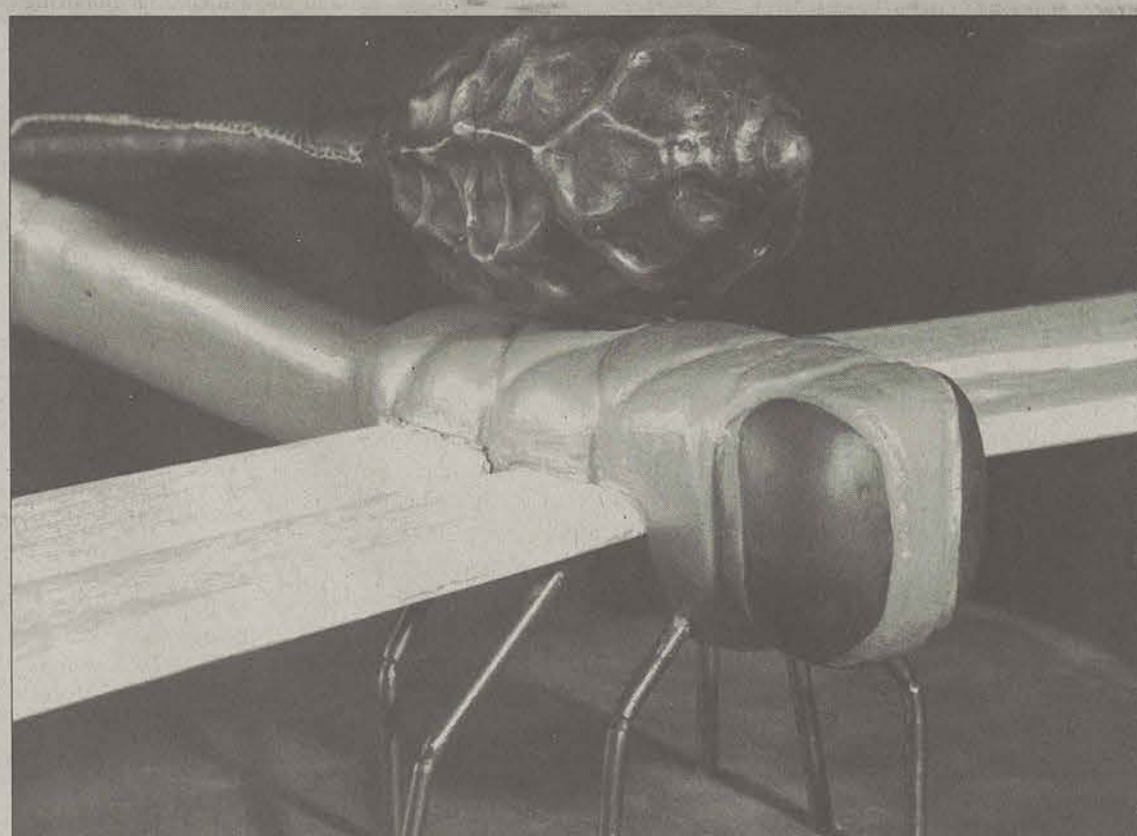
Carving Stations

Turkey with Cranberry compote, Country Gravy
Honey Roasted Pit Ham with Creole Mustard Glaze
Rosemary Roasted Leg of Lamb with mint Au Jus

Assorted Breads

Dessert Medley

Meal Plans Accepted
Eaglexpress - \$6.00 + tax
Cash Door Price - \$7.00 + tax



Special photo

Artwork like this will be displayed at Charles Burch's exhibition starting this Friday in Gallery 303 on campus.

Artwork 'captured' at exhibition

Special to G-A

Charles Pearson Burch will present his Master of Fine Arts exhibition, Captured Artifacts, in Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts Building on the Georgia Southern campus from Nov. 17 through Dec. 6. The exhibition is sponsored by the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art and opens with a reception from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Captured Artifacts is a mixed-media installation of sculptural artworks.

Burch said, "In this installation, the juxtaposition of the known with the unknown causes one to pontificate an unfathomable happenstance: the actual possibility of an unknown culture existing beyond the known civilization on planet earth."

Burch graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1997 with a BFA degree with an emphasis in drawing.

He had originally begun his

studies in engineering and as he was doing engineering renderings, a professor recommended he take a drawing class. After taking two classes in the Department of Art, "he was hooked."

Working in various jobs including being a late night radio show host and selling ads for the station during the day, marketing and merchandising Ralph Lauren products, teaching adult literacy, selling shoes for Tennessee Shoe and Boot Company and selling Electrolux vacuum cleaners, Burch brought a rich background of skills to graduate school in 2002.

Burch states, "I came to graduate school for intellectual and artistic development and for contact with other artists. I see the artist as being a social commentator and observer, much like being a visual recorder."

In his thesis statement, Burch explains his work, "My art examines the possible existence of an unknown civilization through the presentation of sculptural art objects within the

conventional practice of displaying artifacts in a public institution.

"Historically, artifacts have served as visual records of journeying to and returning from a far-away land, unknown territory, alien soil or enemy battlefield. Consequently, artifacts support one's claim of having ventured to the unknown, present evidence of action and rationale for history."

He continues, "Whether that place is tangible or is a fabrication of our subconscious, the presence of an artifact represents validation of the existence of that place. When displayed, artifacts offer a pleasurable challenge to the viewer by evoking the possibilities of a lost civilization or adventurer's journey."

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery 303 programming is supported by Student Activity Fees.

For more information, call 912-871-1712 at the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

NATIONAL POLITICS

Bush met with Iraq Study Group

McClatchy Newspapers

President Bush met Monday with members of a high-level panel that's seeking solutions to the war in Iraq, and he afterward reiterated his view that conditions on the ground rather than artificial timetables should determine when the United States withdraws its troops.

Bush's remarks conflicted with renewed calls by some Democratic leaders to begin U.S. troop withdrawals within six months and raised questions about whether a bipartisan approach to Iraq is possible in the wake of last week's midterm elections.

Members of the Iraq Study Group, led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Indiana Democratic congressman Lee Hamilton, conferred with Bush and his aides at the White House.

They also held separate meetings with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, top intelligence officials and the senior U.S. civilian and military officials in Iraq.

The congressionally mandated, 10-member panel is considering a host of proposals to extricate the United States from Iraq.

These include a phased troop withdrawal, a last-ditch effort to stabilize the country, and reaching out to U.S. adversaries in the region, including Iran and Syria.

It's expected to issue its recommendations, which are being pre-



President Bush meets with Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi D-Cal., and Rep. Steny Hoyer D-Md., and Vice President Dick Cheney in the Oval Office.

Chuck Kennedy/MCT

pared in secrecy, sometime next month.

Proposals for a broader Middle East strategy to reverse the deteriorating situation in Iraq got a boost Monday from British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

In a London speech, Blair called on Syria and Iran to help stabilize Iraq and repeated his long-standing proposal for a renewed effort to solve

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Democrats, who took control of the House of Representatives and Senate in last week's elections, signaled that they'll move ahead with plans to pressure the White House into starting to withdraw the 140,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the expected new chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that

while he'll await the Baker-Hamilton recommendations, he plans to round up a bipartisan majority to support a non-binding resolution calling on Bush to begin withdrawing U.S. troops within six months.

"If we're able to do that, if we're able to put together that bipartisan resolution in both houses, I think it would have immense power on events and on the president," Levin said.

NATIONAL NEWS

King memorial in Washington

A memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be built in Washington, D.C., within sight of the place where King delivered his most famous speech.

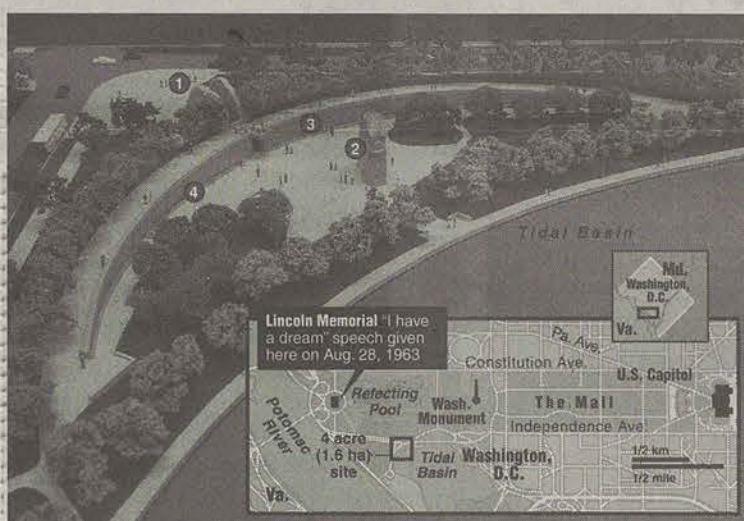
Cost: \$100 million needed; about \$65.5 million has been raised

1 Mountain of Despair: Two massive stones at entrance

2 Stone of Hope: Statue of King in rough-hewn marble

3 24 semicircular stone niches dedicated to Medgar Evers, others who died in civil rights movement

4 Streams of waters from niches join, flow down rough wall



April 4, 1968 King assassinated
1983 Law creates federal holiday to honor King's birthday
1996 Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, to which King belonged, proposes memorial
1998 U.S. Senate, House allow Alpha Phi Alpha to build memorial with private funds; 1,600 artists enter design contest
2000 Site dedicated with bronze marker
Nov. 13, 2006 Ground-breaking ceremony
2008 Planned completion

Source: Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Alpha Phi Alpha, CNN, BBC.

Ground broken for Dr. King memorial

McClatchy Newspapers

Ordinary folks and mega-stars gathered on a muddy patch of the National Mall on Monday to break ground on a memorial honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

President Bush shared the stage with former President Bill Clinton, talk show host Oprah Winfrey, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton to launch the first memorial on the Mall dedicated to an African-American.

"Today we see only these open acres, yet we know that when the work is done, the King Memorial will be a fitting tribute, powerful and hopeful and poetic, like the man it honors," Bush told a crowd of 5,000 people. "As we break ground, we remember the great obstacles that Dr. King overcame and the courage that transformed

American history."

Scheduled for completion in spring 2008, the \$100 million crescent-shaped memorial will stand on prime real estate in Washington, D.C.

GEORGIA NEWS

Cobb likely to OK MARTA buses

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Forty years after Cobb County rejected MARTA service, county officials are expected on Tuesday to approve the first year-round MARTA bus line to cross over into this once-hostile territory.

But even as some officials praised the extension of the MARTA line, saying it reflected a more progressive Cobb, they stressed that Cobb is by no means opening its arms to extensive MARTA service.

Cobb's rejection of MARTA in 1965 has contributed to some people's opinion that the county did not want more members of minority groups settling there.

Cobb's transportation system has suffered ever since that decision, said Deane Bonner, president of the Cobb County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

But the current leadership is more accepting of diversity, she said.

Cobb County officials do not speak of skin color when discussing the MARTA bus service.

And several officials stressed not to read too much in the extension of a MARTA line about a mile over the Cobb border.

Essentially, the move would fill a gap between MARTA and the Cobb bus station across the Chattahoochee River.

LOCAL NEWS

Demonstrators protest segregated veterans lists

The Macon Telegraph

About 40 demonstrators gathered outside the Taylor County Courthouse on Monday to protest what they call a disgrace inside the lobby of the historical building.

Since 1944, two lists of soldiers from Taylor County who served in World War II have been displayed in alphabetical order on the walls.

Inside frames covered with glass, one list of soldiers is labeled in large type "Whites" and the other is labeled "Colored."

"They should have one plaque with all the names on it because they all fought in the same war," said Ruth Dugger, a protester from Butler.

In January the Taylor County Commission, which includes members of both races, unanimously decided to create an "integrated" list of veterans, but also to leave the two segregated lists on display in the courthouse.

At the rally Monday, two days after Veterans Day, demonstrators held up signs reading, "Don't Dishonor Veterans," "Take Down The Racist Plaques" and "Do The Right Thing."

Speakers, including some military veterans, said the historical lists erected in 1944 have a place somewhere, but not in the lobby of a public building where court cases are heard and judges are bound to uphold justice for all.

SCIENCE

Oil may still be plentiful

McClatchy Newspapers

Far from being a nearly exhausted resource, the world's oil reserves are three times bigger than what some popular estimates state, and peak global oil production is still about a quarter-century away, according to a new study by Pulitzer Prize-winning oil historian Daniel Yergin.

The remaining oil resource base is about 3.74 trillion barrels, according to a report released by Cambridge Energy Research Associates, which Yergin runs. That's more than three times the 1.2 trillion barrels that "peak-oil" theorists suggest.

CERA's report, titled "Why the Peak Oil Theory Falls Down," challenges an increasingly popular view that the world is about to run out of oil. On the contrary, CERA argues that the world is likely to begin running out of oil between 2030 and the middle of the century. Even so, CERA says, efforts are needed now to push that date back, such as new oil field discoveries, new technologies, energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

Peak-oil theorists warn that the world is on the cusp of a disastrous and rapid decline in oil production. A leading proponent of the theory is oil banker Matthew Simmons, who suggests that the world's top producer, Saudi Arabia, has entered an oil-production decline and will take the world down with it.

The Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center

Community Forum

Citizens of Bulloch County, city leaders and former students of the Willow Hill School are invited to participate in a discussion on the development of a community center and museum at the former Willow Hill School site.

Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.
Portal Middle & High School

Special Guests

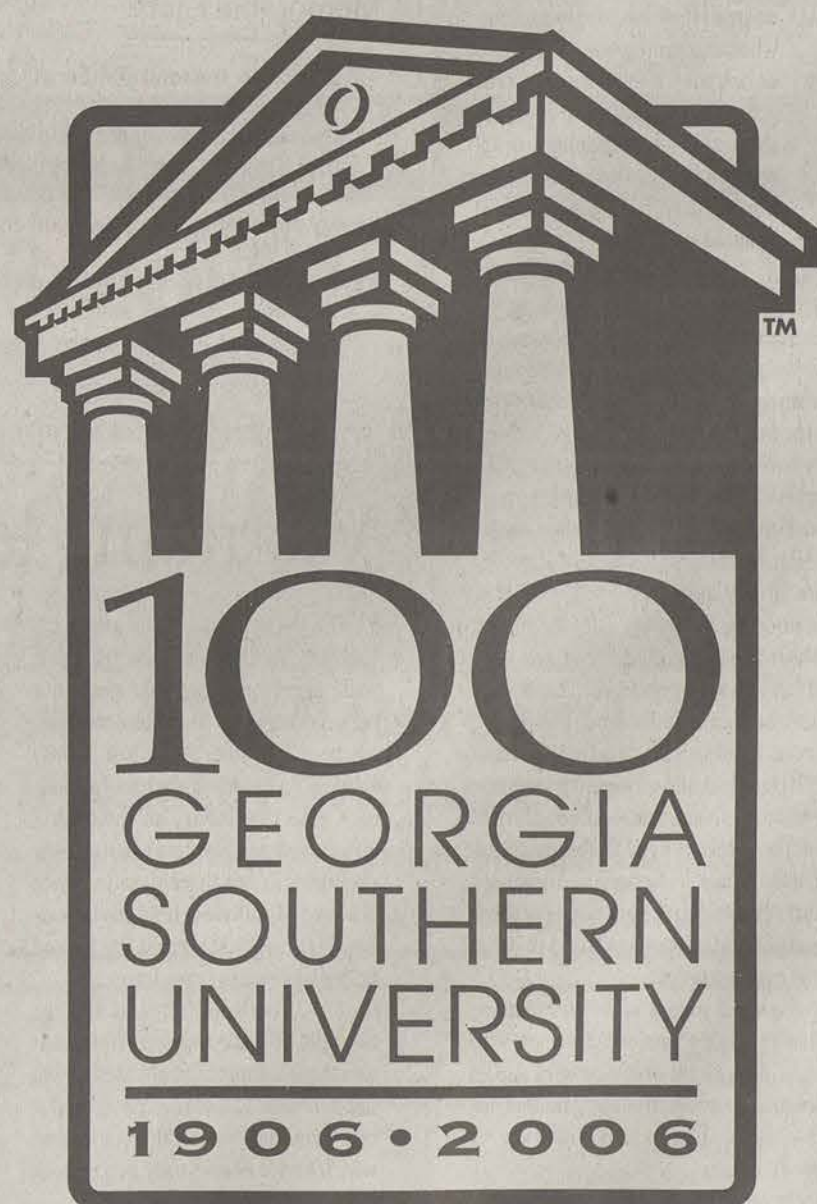
Erik Brooks PhD, author of *Pursing a Promise: A History of African Americans at Georgia Southern University* and professor and director of MPA program at Georgia Southern University.

Deborah Mack PhD, an independent museum consultant who is currently working with the Smithsonian African American Museum

Keisha Hurst MS, archeologist and member of the African Burial Site archeologist project New York, New York

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"I do not like work even when someone else does it."

- Mark Twain

OUR VIEW

Don't let work drag you down, fight to make work fun

AT ISSUE: Find ways to keep you interested and active during those working hours, instead of wasting time and effort

Work can be overwhelming sometimes, especially with the added pressures of school, roommates, projects and life in general. While wasting time at work may seem like the only way to deal with daily stress, there are some other ways to work around a wasteful day or week.

Time management, the beast that holds us all back, can be beaten into submission with a strict schedule and self-enforced mandatory deadlines. Just like any diet, time management won't work unless you stick to a set of rules. A daily planner or desk calendar can really help out with keeping

up with those important dates and remind you not to blow another one of your deadlines.

One important rule to follow is that work doesn't always have to be a drag. Work should be fun, and sometimes you just need to crank up the music or play a funny prank on a co-worker. Just make sure that it isn't so mean as to ruin their day and yours too. Try to make other people enjoy their job, and it will help make your job that much better. It's always more enjoyable if you have fun together.

Make an effort to get to know the people you work with but don't that much about. It'll be a lot

easier to work with them if you know about their history and their personality. Besides, you are more likely to work a little harder if you really like the people that you are collaborating with.

While spending hours balancing your checkbook in the office is not a good idea, sometimes lulls in the work cycle can be just the time to take care of some small things that need to be done. If you have a little extra time, try to plan out a time or at least think about working on your next school project. Spending too much time on school work can definitely make the boss angry, but in small

doses and at appropriate times, it can really help out your grades.

For most students, just going to class and keeping up with homework is their job. These students may be missing a valuable opportunity to learn about the responsibilities of the workforce. If you don't have any experience practicing what you are learning about, how will you know that is what you want to do as a career?

Work may be depressing sometimes, but it can teach you some lessons that you'll never forget, and you might just make some friends along the way.

Emily Haymans GUEST COLUMNIST

Don't waive your rights with flags

People were lined up on either side of the street. I'll never forget how strong the divide was between red and blue, republican and democrat. But there I go again, doing one of the things that I was protesting against. Labeling, categorizing. They're this or that. American or non-American. Christian or deviant. Right or left. Which side of the street are you on?



Emily Haymans is a senior creative writing major from Hinesville, Ga. She is a guest columnist for The George-Anne Daily.

The protest may not have been as organized or as "pro-active" as some people would have liked, but considering the amount of time people had to plan and get together (about a week), it was astounding. People coming together, all with different causes, and peacefully making a statement. If one person was made to think, even to question whether a protest was worthwhile or not, then it was a success. Our goal was a peaceful protest, not one that would result in violence or arrests. Unlike the Bush administration, we don't have to use violence to attain our goals.

I am proud that I was a part of one of the now rare moments in our society when people actually use their right to free speech and expression. The protestors were a group of individuals questioning the role of government in our lives and the institution, not to mention the integrity of our school.

This country barely resembles the America that I was taught to believe in, the wonderful country that I used to sing about and get goosebumps when saying the pledge of allegiance. I believed in a nation that supported the phrase "liberty and justice for all." I believed in a country that stood for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Now all I see is a country that stands for fear, money and justice for the privileged. That doesn't sound much like "one nation under God" to me.

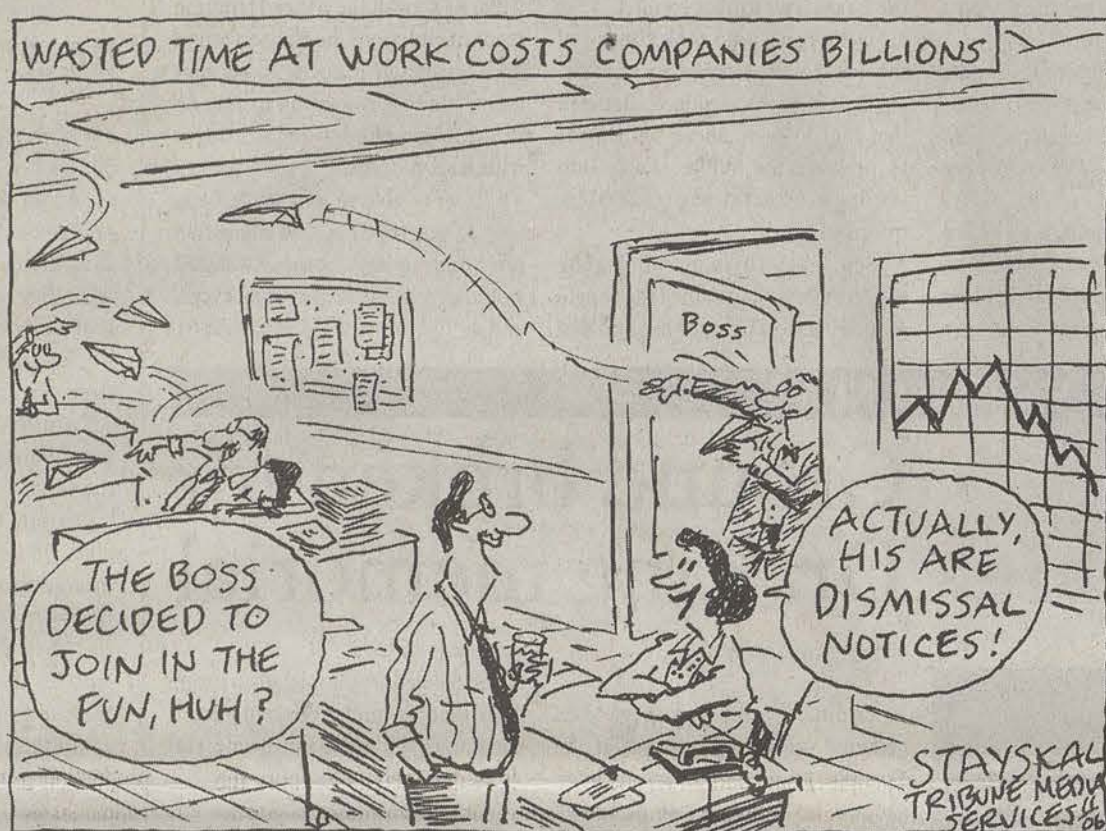
We weren't trying to talk to Bush directly. We weren't trying to make GSU look bad, and we weren't trying to be "unpatriotic." We were showing that we are concerned citizens. The people involved with the protest took time to research their causes, make signs and organize. They took the time to question the intentions of those in charge, instead of blindly following based on what they heard on the evening news.

I looked up the word patriot at www.dictionary.com. Here's what I found, a patriot is a person who loves, supports and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion, or a person who regards himself or herself as a defender, against presumed interference by the federal government.

If a protestor trying to inform the public is not a patriot, then I don't know who is. We each brought our own issues to the table, which some may view as inappropriate. Whose issue is more important than whose? I'm almost positive that those 300 or so concerned citizens holding signs on Fair Road that day found their way to the polls on election day, too. We care about this country.

So for critics of the protest, when was the last time that you stood up for something you were passionate about? You are free to have your own opinions and views on the matter, but in the spirit of protest and democracy, I ask you to reconsider. Try seeing things from the other side.

Write Emily at emily_a_haymans@georgiasouthern.edu



Memorable Facts:

- In June 2006, the total number of jobs in the United States reached an all-time high of 135.2 million.
- More women than ever are in higher-paying jobs. Women held 56.3 percent of all professional and related jobs and 42.5 percent of management-related, business and finance positions in 2005.
- Every day in America, 85,444 workers lose their jobs.
- Every day in America, 12,878 workers are injured or made ill by their jobs.
- In June 2006, 6.8 million people are in the workforce but are still poor.

Thoughts from the World Wide Web:

Vietnam's lessons for today's Iraq

This week, President Bush heads to Vietnam, where he'll celebrate a new trade agreement and take part in a regional summit. The Vietnam War, where the United States lost 58,000 soldiers, is now, in other words, history. And that invites an interesting question: Does Vietnam's remarkable evolution in the three decades since U.S. troops pulled out hold any lessons for what might happen if the United States withdraws from Iraq?

It's a tantalizing, and timely, thought because it can force a questioning of assumptions about what will happen after U.S. forces leave. And it can provide historical perspective, which is not always easy in the thick of traumatic events.

There are, of course, considerable differences between the conflicts in Iraq and Vietnam. Fighting in Vietnam began as a revolution against French colonialism that evolved into a Cold War ideological conflict. Iraq is part civil war, part terrorist insurgency, with religious fervor at the core.

Far more U.S. troops were fighting and dying in Vietnam. Most were conscripts, not volunteers. And in Vietnam, the enemy had a distinct leader; in Iraq there is no singular group that can negotiate a peace.

But there are also striking similarities: an inability to turn military superiority into political victory; a credibility gap between the comments of U.S. leaders and the reality on the ground; and dwindling public support. Those parallels are why it's worth comparing the post-withdrawal fears in Vietnam three decades ago with Iraq today.

The dominant argument for the Vietnam War was the "domino" theory: If Vietnam went communist, the rest of the region would fall like a row of dominoes.

After the U.S. pullout, South Vietnam did fall to the North, and Cambodia tragically turned into a communist killing field. But, beyond the immediate neighborhood, as critics of the war had predicted, communism did not spread.

More surprisingly, Vietnam's communist leaders gradually became enticed by trade and economic opportunities. That provided the outside world with opportunities to influence Vietnam's worst behavior. Vietnam's new entry into the World Trade Organization will require following strict international rules, for example. It has partly bowed to pressure to ease up on human rights abuses.

The Vietnam example suggests

Iraq might have to go through a brutal civil war before it finds a measure of stability. What form that stability might take is not obvious. Iraq can't precisely follow Vietnam's course.

It has great potential wealth from oil reserves, which can allow it, like Iran, to resist a lot of outside pressure. And it is facing a different clash, rooted in religion, between long-repressed Shiites and once-dominant Sunnis.

Such a clash could result in a victory for theocracy and extremism. Or it could help bring about a long overdue Islamic Reformation, in which war-weary moderates reject fundamentalism and insist on modern attitudes toward women and the West.

The point is that the path is unpredictable. Germany and Japan showed that enemies of the United States can become allies within a generation. Three decades ago, few could have imagined an American president holding economic meetings in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Today, anyone professing to know just how Iraq will emerge from its current turmoil is similarly likely to be humbled by history.

From <http://news.yahoo.com/s/usato-day/20061114/opinion/>

Cristy Smith GUEST COLUMNIST

Students, learn to tip your servers

Many students at Georgia Southern have to work their way through school. I have worked in food services for three years and have met a variety of people doing so. I think one of the toughest jobs is working as a server.

Many people do not know that most servers only make \$2.13 an hour, which after taxes is really maybe a dollar an hour.

Customer service is demanding and frustrating as is, but if your income depends on a tip, it can be ten times more frustrating. I think many people are unaware of how much to tip based on their bill or are just too cheap to leave their server what they are supposed to.

If you receive friendly, good service, then you're suppose to leave at least 15 percent, anything less is saying my service was awful. For example, if your bill is \$50, then you should leave at least \$7.50 because that is 15 percent of your bill. If your service isn't good than of course it's okay to leave less, but keep in mind that he or she only makes \$2.13 an hour. If you know you're on a tight budget, don't go to a restaurant to receive service; order to go or eat elsewhere.

Many students do not know that servers usually tip out to others which may include the hostess, the bartender and sometimes the cook, based on food or alcohol sales. So if you leave nothing or barely leave anything, your server is paying for you to eat out and possibly cleaning up after you for free. If you are ordering several bar drinks, you should tip higher than the standard 15 percent, because your server is giving part of their tip to the bartender.

This past weekend I had a table who took over ten minutes to order, and I had three other tables that I needed to attend to. If that wasn't bad enough, one of the women proceeded to ask me what our sides were not once but three times. By that time I was ready to pull my hair out. If you are taking forever to order and your server's tables need assistance, then you are affecting his or her tip and interaction with other tables.

Another annoying habit some customers have is to ask their server to get several things but not all at once. For instance, I'll come to a table and ask them if there is anything else I could get them and one person will ask for something, then I come back with what he or she asked for and then he or she will ask for something else. If the table asks for everything at one time it makes it much easier on the server, who only has to make one trip versus several. Most customers are aware of this but there are a few of you who run your server all over the restaurant.

So that I don't sound too cynical I would like to add that I have waited on many great people who have made my job fun and entertaining. I also think the majority of customers who do frustrate servers do not do it intentionally, but do not realize the hassles that servers go through every day.

Just keep in mind when you go out to eat that being a server isn't as easy as it seems and that waiter is a person just like you, so be respectful and nice.

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'Angry Yet?' photo exhibit in Gallery 303

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Laurie Watford Thornton, Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate at Georgia Southern, opened her senior photography exhibition, *Angry Yet?*, on Monday, Nov. 13, in the small gallery of Gallery 303 in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art sponsors the exhibition, which will continue through Friday, Nov. 17, when Thornton will host a closing reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thornton is a native of Wayne County, Ga. Her interest in photography began while taking a summer course at a local community college during middle school.

After her anticipated graduation in December of 2006, Thornton plans to pursue an advanced degree in education so she can teach art.

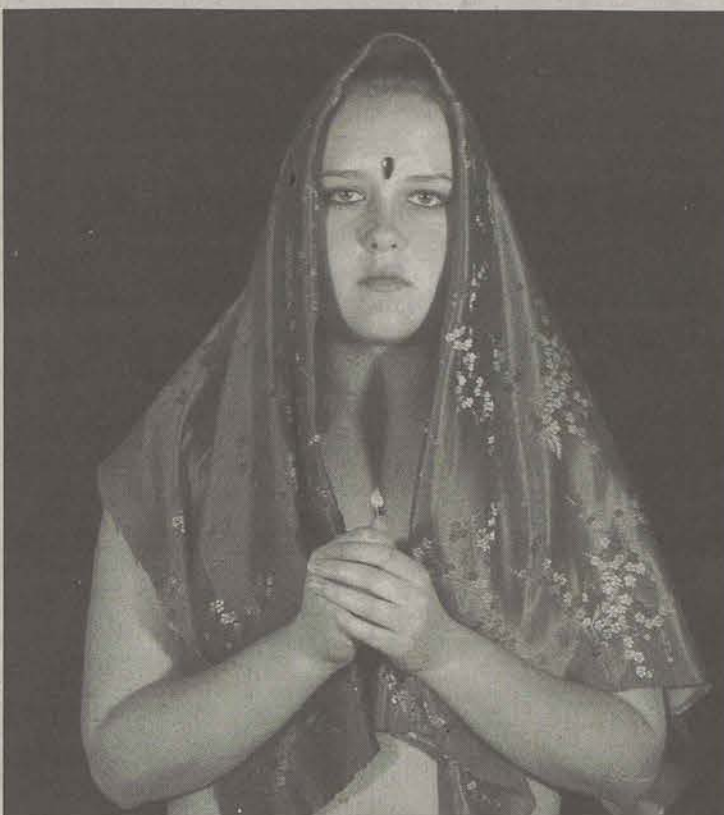
Thornton's work deals with the struggles that she has observed that women of the world have, and still continue to, endure.

In her Artist's Statement she writes, "This body of work expresses my feelings of outrage about incidences of unjust and intolerable treatment of women. My photographs are powerful and compelling."

Thornton wants her viewers to leave with a sense of fury. "My imagery is uncomfortable at times to look at, but so are the ways women are being treated. I want people to explore the need for change."

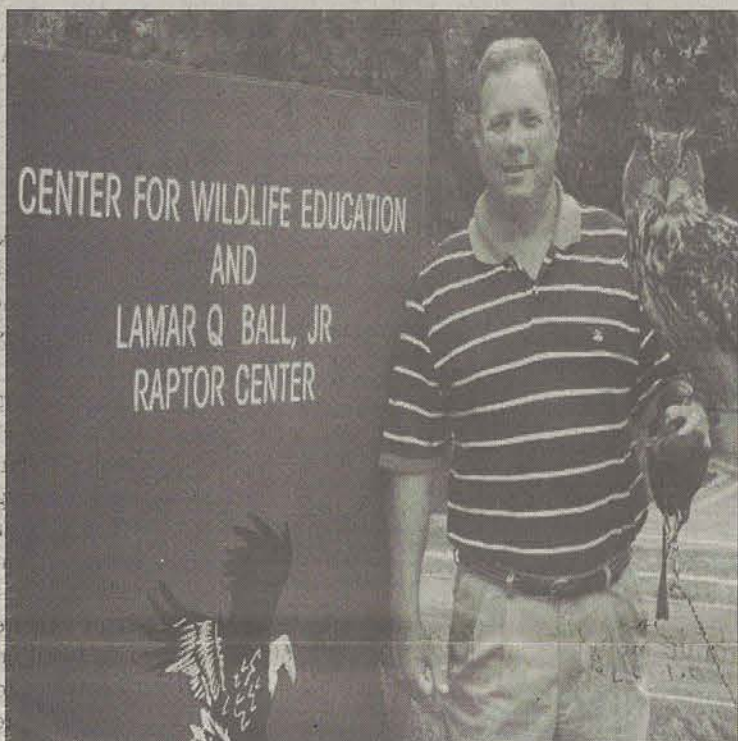
The exhibition is free and open to the public. Gallery 303 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

For more information, contact Thornton at lwatford@georgiasouthern.edu.



Laurie Thornton's photography exhibit "Angry Yet?" is now featured in Gallery 303. *Special photo*

David Ball named chairman of Wildlife Center



New chairman David Ball poses with an owl in front of the Wildlife Center. *Special photo*

By Ditoria Geddis
Staff writer

David Ball, was elected new chairman of the advisory board, for the Center of Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q. Ball Jr. Raptor Center at Georgia Southern.

Ball succeeds Frida Moore of Savannah. The advisory board plays a key role in fundraising efforts for the Wildlife Center. Ball first came to Statesboro in 1974 as a student at GSU. He also serves on the Bulloch County Board of Education.

"I've seen a lot of changes in Statesboro over the past 30 years and the Wildlife Center is one of the best," Ball said. "It brings a lot of people to our community and to the Georgia Southern Campus, and it's a great educational experience for people of all ages."

The advisory board is largely a fundraising board.

They help with the funding of the wildlife center and get different organizations to sponsor the center. The board has risen over a quarter of a million dollars toward the expansion.

Ball has to assemble and host events to help coordinate the effort of expansion. He would be like a spokesperson for the Wildlife Center.

Hein said, "David has always been one of our most enthusiastic and generous supporters, so we are delighted that he has agreed to take on this important leadership role."

The center occupies five acres of the GSU campus.

It is designed to support the university's environmental education programs and to provide the region's citizens with a close look at native animals and plants. For more information, call (912) 681-0831.

Fraternity honored for GPA

GSU News Service

Delta Tau Delta fraternity was awarded Georgia Southern's Greek Life Award for Academic Excellence last Wednesday night at the annual Greek Awards Banquet.

The honor is the inaugural award recognizing the chapter for accomplishing a high standard of merit in academics, achieving an overall chapter grade point average of 3.19.

In recognition of Delta Tau Delta's triumph, the chapter was awarded a bronze eagle. A larger bronze eagle award was placed in the Office of Greek Life with the chapter's name engraved on the base, with room for future award recipients' names to be placed beside them.

A reception with campus dignitaries will be held in Delta Tau Delta's honor

on Nov. 30.

"Academic excellence is paramount to our entire institution and I feel that those who demonstrate this type of excellence need to be recognized for their hard work," said George Lewis, Dean of Students.

It is the goal of the Office of Greek to raise the overall chapter grade point average of all chapters to a 3.0, according to Miriam Willow, interim Greek life coordinator.

"The Award for Academic Excellence is one way to highlight the importance of this goal not only to the Greek community but also to the entire Georgia Southern University campus. Delta Tau Delta serves as the criterion for Academic Excellence, not just for Greek Life but also for all GSU students," said Willow.

Hamlet

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how we use theatre to create false truth," said Melson.

Commedia dell'arte is a style of theatre created by the physical form, where many of the actors enter the stage barefaced and carrying masks, which they don once they begin performing. This is done to show that the actors are the real people, and emphasize the "mask" of the character.

"We are always aware we are showing a story," said Melson.

The version of Hamlet that forms the basis of the production is also different than what theater-goers will be familiar with.

When she adapted the play, Melson used what is known as Shakespeare's "bad" quarto, which is rougher and unedited, as opposed to the version most commonly performed.

The first performances of this adaptation as a workshop play at the University of Exeter were very successful, prompting her to bring the production to the stage here in the United States.

In this production, Hamlet will be played by Kenneth Wigley, Gertrude by Carla Selden, and Ophelia by Bailey McClure. Additionally, Dionn Rich-



Jared Siri/STAFF

Kenneth Wigley, as Hamlet, rehearses 'Hamlet... a la commedia!' Tuesday before the casts' first performance tonight.

ardson will play Fosca, a character unique to this version of the play.

The production will run from today, Nov. 15 through Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center located on campus.

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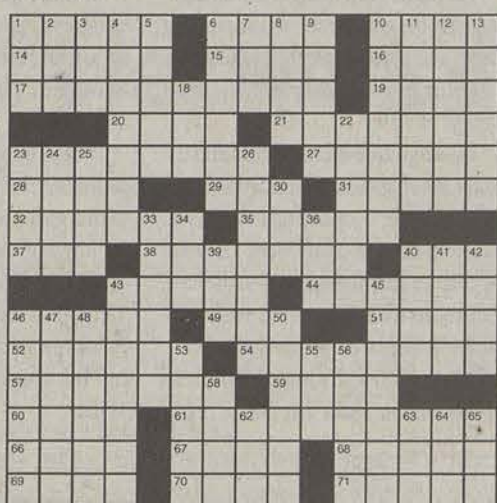
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| 2. Gryphon | (B) Duck |
| 3. Chough | (C) Fox-wolf |
| 4. Cannet | (D) Mastiff |
| 5. Grice | (E) Raven |
| 6. Brock | (F) Hound |
| 7. Alandt | (G) Antelope-horse |
| 8. Talbot | (H) Parrot |
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| 10. Enfield | (J) Badger |
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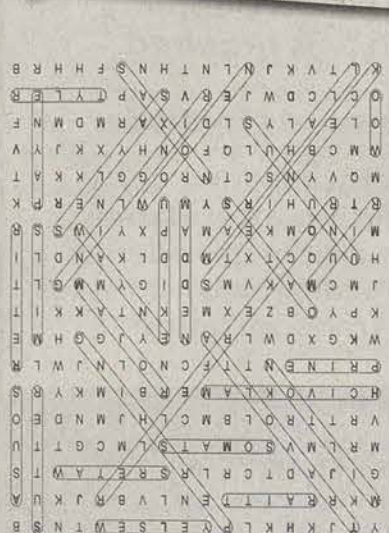
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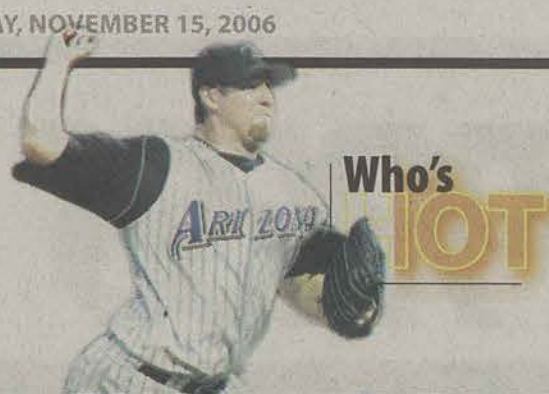
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10. (C) 7. (D) 4. (B) 1. (H)

Solution Trivia Puzzle 40

SPORTS



In MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Brandon Webb. The 27-year-old right-hander earned the National League Cy Young award winning 16 games with a 3.10 ERA in 33 starts.

In NASCAR: Jimmie Johnson. With five wins and 13 top five finishes in the 2006 season, Johnson is having a one of the greatest seasons in NASCAR history. His 63 point lead has all but sealed up his second consecutive Nextel Cup Championship.

Who's NOT

In Men's NCAA Basketball: Texas Tech Men's Head Basketball Coach Bobby Knight is under scrutiny yet again after slapping one of his players in the face during an 86-74 win over Gardner-Webb in Lubbock on Monday. Knight's actions are under review by Texas Tech Athletics and the NCAA.

Golf signs nationally-ranked recruits

GSU News Service

Head Coach Larry Mays and the Georgia Southern golf team announce the signing of Kyle Cothran, Logan Blondell and Joe Monte to the 2007-2008 golf team.

All three join the Eagles as standouts in state, regional and national competition.

Kyle Cothran, from Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., is a four-year member of the varsity golf team at Soddy-Daisy HS, holding leadership positions as president of both the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He carries a 4.3 weighted GPA, ranking 9th in his class. Cothran was a district and regional champion both as a junior and senior.

He ranked among the top ten at the TSSAA State High School AAA Championship twice, while being named All-Tennessee State two years.

The captain of the golf team, he was named to the Times-Free Press "Best of Preps" for golf all four years.

In American Junior Golf Association competition, Cothran finished in the top ten twice and in the top 20 four times.

He finished third at the McDonald's High School All-American Individual Championships.

Cothran was ranked as high as the No. 38 golfer in the country by Golfweek/Titleist rankings for the class of 2007.

"Kyle is a great addition to the GSU golf program," said head coach Larry Mays. "He is one of the top junior golfers in the state of Tennessee and a proven leader in the classroom. We look forward to four great years from Kyle."

Out of Lakeland, Fla. comes the Eagles second signee, Logan Blondell, who will also join the Eagles golf team in 2007-08.

The Lakeland HS senior ranked 35th in the country in the Golfweek/Sagarin rankings.

He had three top three performances in the AJGA during the summer of 2006, including a pair of top two finishes.

Blondell was named to the All-County first team each year at Lakeland HS, earning a medal at the county and district competitions during his senior year.

In the classroom, Blondell carries a 4.509 GPA, is ranked first in his class and serves as the president of the National Honor Society for his class.

"Logan has an enormous amount of talent and has proven it on a national level," said Mays. "He has impressive golf skills and is an AJGA HP Scholastic Junior All-American. This is a great honor that encompasses academics and golf. On top of everything else, he is just a great person."

Joe Monte, a Chantilly, Va. native and three year 'MVP' at Chantilly HS, will join the Eagles after completing an outstanding high school career.

Currently ranked 35th in the class of 2007 by Golfweek, the 2006 Westfield Junior PGA Champion competed in the 2005 and 2006 US Junior Amateur, with a round of 16 and round of 32, respectively.

"Joe is a fantastic player with loads of potential," said Mays.

"He is one of the top juniors in the country and has been a prominent player as a member of the 2006 US Junior Ryder Cup team. He is a well respected and accomplished junior golfer, and we look forward to many great things from Joe."



The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles take on the Mocs of UT-Chattanooga in this file photo.

Players to watch



F Shawnda Atwood, Jr.
Totaled 16 points and seven assists propelling the Eagles to a 62-46 win over Stetson on Sunday.



F Tiffany Brown, Jr.
Scored 12 points and had four assists as a member of the Preseason All-SoCon Team.

2006 at a glance

at Stetson	W, 62-46
at Jacksonville St.	7 p.m.
at Image Shootout	12 p.m.
at Image Shootout	2 p.m.
Georgia	7 p.m.

Lady Eagles set to play Jacksonville State

The Lady Eagles travel to Jacksonville, Alabama to take on the Gamecocks

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team hits the road for the first time this season as the Lady Eagles visit Jacksonville State, tonight at 7 p.m., in a non-conference showdown at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

With a home victory behind them, the Lady Eagles (1-0) look forward to the continuation of the already four-game series with the Gamecocks. Jacksonville State (2-0) leads the series by a 3-1 mark and 11th year Head Coach Rusty Cram seeks his first victory over the Gamecocks in this, his fourth meeting.

Georgia Southern comes off an exciting season-opening victory in front of a home crowd of 814 fans at Hanner Fieldhouse, Sunday evening (Nov. 12) in a 62-46 win over Stetson (0-2). A strong performance from returning starters and

newcomers gave the Lady Eagles the edge in the non-conference victory.

Leading all scorers was junior Shawnda Atwood who netted 16 points, on 6-of-16 shooting and a perfect 4-of-4 from the charity stripe. She also pulled down seven rebounds.

Strong performances from junior Tiffany Brown (12 points, four assists) and sophomore Ashley Rivers (11 points) helped lift the Lady Eagles over the Hatters, leading by as much as 22 points in the second half.

Starting freshman guard, Carolyn Whitney, started her collegiate career with a bang, going a perfect 6-of-6 from the foul line while dishing out three assists and making two steals.

Classmate J'Lisia Ogburn played strong under the hoop, registering six rebounds in her collegiate debut.

The Gamecocks are riding a two-game high,

defeating, in overtime, Kennesaw State (Nov. 5) by a close 81-76 margin that saw senior Cobie Carlisle bury a three-pointer at the buzzer. She finished the game with 17 points and 10 rebounds, her fourth career double-double.

A week later, Jacksonville State hosted Birmingham-Southern (Nov. 13) and pulled off another victory that was sealed when Ashley Boykin buried a 3-pointer with 17 seconds remaining, giving the Gamecocks a 74-68 win.

Boykin led the team with 18 points shooting 6-of-9 from the line and 5-of-6 from three-point land.

Guard LaTonya McKinney added 16 points and seven rebounds, while teammate Courtney Slaughter netted 14 points on 6-of-9 in the back court.

Live action of tonight's game at Jacksonville State's Pete Mathews Coliseum will be available to watch for fans on-line through www.ovcsports.tv.

Signed, sealed, delivered

Eagle basketball inks All-American nominated recruits

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern men's basketball program signed 2004-2005 Connecticut State Player of the Year Julian Allen for the 2007-2008 season. Head Coach Jeff Price announced Thursday. Allen, a 6-4, 200 guard who is currently a sophomore at Garden City (Kan.) Community College, spent his freshman campaign at Pensacola Junior College (2005-06) where he averaged 12 points per game and four rebounds per contest and was also named Freshman of the Year.

So far this season, Allen is averaging 19 points and seven rebounds per game. Originally from Waterbury, Conn. Allen attended Crosby High School where his 22 points per outing and 11 rebounds per contest earned him a place on the All-State First Team and a McDonald's All-American nomination.

"Julian brings us added experience at the guard position and is able to play more than one spot on the floor," said Price. "He's known to be a tremendous scorer and I felt like we needed that with our team."

Georgia Southern is coming off a 20-10 season which saw them win the Southern Conference and reach the National Invitation Tournament. The Eagles open the 2006-07 season Sunday vs. UC Davis in Durham, N.C.

Coach Jeff Price also announced the signing of two-time Gainesville Sun Player of the Year Willie Powers. Powers, a 6-2, 180 senior guard at P.K. Yonge High School in Gainesville, Fla., averaged 17.9 points per game last season for Coach Mark Grisseck's squad and shot 82.3 percent from the



The Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team practices for last weekend's CBE Regional Classic.

line. He averaged 4.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game and shot 46.5 percent from beyond the arc. Along with being named Gainesville Sun Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Powers was also named FACA North Central Florida Player of the Year and was named Second Team All-State for Class 3A.

"Willie is a very talented guard from a highly successful high school program," said Price. "He should follow in the path of the other impact

guards we've had at GSU over the past seven years."

Powers attends the same high school as former Eagle Terry Williams (2001-05), and as a sophomore, posted 14.4 points per game, collected 4.4 rebounds per contest and managed 3.1 assists per outing. He shot 46.8 percent from 3-point land and 77.8 percent from the line.

Powers was named First Team All-State for Class 2A and First Team FACA All-North Central Florida for his sophomore season.

Win shows Duke's vulnerabilities

By Ken Tysiac

McClatchy Newspapers

For almost a half, 11th-ranked Duke looked like a team playing its second game in two nights while relying on four freshmen and a banged-up point guard. The Blue Devils' two healthy veterans, DeMarcus Nelson and Josh McRoberts, helped them shake off pesky Georgia Southern in a 72-48 victory in the second round of the CBE Classic on Monday night at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Nelson and McRoberts each scored 16 points as Duke (2-0) advanced to the tournament semifinals on Nov. 20 in Kansas City, Mo.

But the Eagles (1-1) frustrated Duke early, running out to an 18-12 advantage and holding a 30-29 lead with 1:58 remaining in the first half. Speedy point guard Dwayne Foreman scored a game-high 18 points, driving past Greg Paulus for layups. Paulus missed most of the preseason with a foot injury and looked uncomfortable guarding Foreman. "I made a couple of bad decisions out there," Paulus admitted.

Paulus committed five turnovers in 20 minutes. McRoberts was complaining to the referees. For a while, it was downright ugly for Duke.

"I thought I was getting fouled," McRoberts explained. "I thought they were taking my legs out when I took my shots. I was getting frustrated on that. We were just playing really poorly."

Nelson, who grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds, closed the half on a positive note for Duke with a 3-pointer from in front of the Geor-



Duke's Josh McRoberts moves around Georgia Southern's Diogo Salazar (34) in the second half of the CBE Classic college basketball in Durham, N.C.

gia Southern bench at the buzzer for a 38-32 lead.

The Blue Devils adjusted defensively in the second half to an opponent that played four perimeter players and spread the floor.

Duke didn't pressure the ball as much and sagged off to help more when Georgia Southern's guards penetrated.

The Eagles shot just 7-for-33 in the second half and finished 68 points short of the 116 they scored in a first-round victory over UC Davis the previous night.

But they still exposed vulnerabilities that Duke will have to get corrected before next week. "This might be the first time we've done this, with back-to-back games, being so young," Paulus said.



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HIV

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"It was totally bizarre," he said of the sudden turnaround, which hit him like a death sentence in reverse: He had to prepare himself for the fact that he was going to live.

"I'd realized that one-day-at-a-time, one-week-at-a-time, wasn't appealing to me anymore — that I had a lot of one-days and one-weeks left in my life," he said (in the book, he likens the realization that he could live well past 40 to a midlife crisis at 20.) "So I was like: Wait ... What do I do with all this time?"

He put his virus to work.

In 1996, he started mypetvirus.com, which was one of extremely few sites back then to discuss life as "positoid" — much less an irreverent heterosexual thinblood positoid from rural Virginia who also writes about his love of pro wrestling, the band Depeche Mode and Drew Barrymore.

"I was trying to put up this straight laced strait-laced, educational Web site, but I remember stopping and saying, 'If I'm going to do this, I'm going to do it my way. I'm going to do it the way I wish I'd seen somebody do it when I wasn't speaking about it,'" he said, recalling the terrible images, misconceptions and stigmas he was exposed to as a child.

He's a funny guy (who wears a vampire wristwatch), but his intent was dead serious: "It was important to me to have people who are (HIV) positive stumble upon the site not to get the message that their life is over and there isn't any hope," he said. "And it's a fine line. Because you want to do that, but you also want to get the message across to people who are (HIV) negative: You don't want to get this."

Decker and mypetvirus.com got the attention of the AIDS culture magazine "Poz," which published a cover story on him then promptly offered him his own column; today, he blogs for the online publication at www.poz.com. He met Vice President Al Gore. He met Depeche Mode. But most importantly, he soon met Barringer and fell in love.

"Gwen is really the person who made me see I'm a writer," said Decker, smiling at Barringer, who is as Ivory Girl pretty as Decker is boyishly handsome.

You could easily mistake them for the All-American Couple if it weren't for the facts that she's HIV-negative to his HIV-positive and that they've made AIDS education their life's work, traveling the country, visiting high schools and college campuses, to speak about safe sex, and using their own relationship as an example.

"Clearly there are not a ton of couples like us out there ... but there are going to be more. And just because people have HIV doesn't mean they can't have a relationship, that they should be celibate and alone," said Barringer, who was working in graduate school as an HIV/AIDS case manager when the two met. "I kind of tried not to like him, you know. I knew I did, but I was trying to just be friends, because it would be a lot easier to just be friends."

Luckily, she said, "I was educated (about HIV/AIDS). Most people are not." In fact, judging from their experience, they both agree that HIV education has been returning to the closet.

"We started (talking to mostly college students) in 2000," Decker said, "and it seemed like people had more knowledge of transmission and basic HIV education back when we started ... the people we talk to know less now than they did then."

Which alarms them both. Barringer, in her no-nonsense style, pointed out: "Basically if you don't have HIV you're just lucky."

But her husband clearly feels like a very lucky man, who has a relatively normal life that keeps getting better. In fact, he doesn't necessarily see his memoir as an AIDS book ("I didn't want HIV or AIDS on the front of the book: 'My Pet Virus: Rebel Without a Cure' — those are pretty big lines to read between.")

Because it's also a book about a boy "growing up in Virginia, who met his favorite wrestler, and stole Penthouse magazines," and who struggled to find his place in the world.

"I've found the niche for my existence that includes my pet virus. ... I'm so glad I started the book when I did, and had Gwen show me that I'm much more than my viral parts."

And, since because that's a little mushy for Decker, next comes the joke: "Now if somebody tells me, 'Hey, we want you to come here and talk about HIV,' I can just say, 'Here's the book, send me \$10.'"

But seriously folks: "I'm going to write more," Decker said. "I'm planning on being around for a while."